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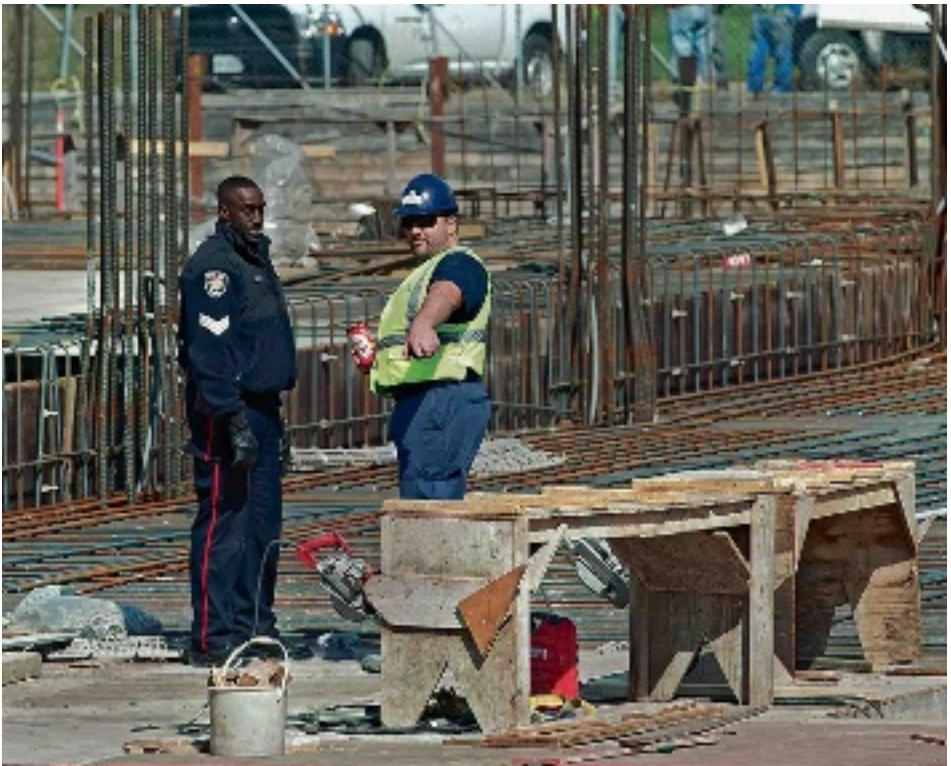
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NARROW ESCAPE

An Ottawa police officer speaks with an Ontario Ministry of Labour investigator following a construction-site accident that left a worker in hospital with multiple injuries. Story, page 6. MARC DESROSIER/FOR METRO

Man gets life sentence for wife's murder

Daughter's statement.
'I heard my mother's frantic and blood-curdling screams'



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A man who confessed to police to brutally stabbing his wife to death in front of their children last year pleaded guilty to first-degree murder Wednesday.

Mihalj Nemet killed his wife, Tinde Nemet, on March 11, 2011, after he broke into her Fisher Avenue townhouse. He faces a sentence of life in prison with no chance of parole for 25 years.

He couldn't stand his wife's rejection after he was charged with assaulting their daughter in January 2011, and was barred from visiting their Fisher Avenue home.

Six weeks later, he'd had

enough. He snuck into the home hoping the sound of the rain would muffle any sound he made.

As his wife walked down the stairs he attacked her with a hunting knife, according to a statement of facts.

Their daughter, Teodora, 18 at the time, and son, Thomas, who was 15, woke and ran to the main floor.

In an emotionally charged impact statement, Teodora said she will never forget her mother's "frantic and blood-curdling screams."

"I went downstairs, expecting to see she had fallen and injured herself," Teodora said. "Instead, I found her being repeatedly stabbed and stabbed to death, to which I helplessly witnessed."

Her brother tried to pull Nemet off of his mother, but couldn't, so he ran to a neighbour's house for help.

Meanwhile, Teodora ran upstairs to her room and dialed 911.

Against advice of the 911 operator, she left the room

Witness account

"I went downstairs, expecting to see she had fallen and injured herself.... Instead, I found her being stabbed and stabbed to death, to which I helplessly witnessed."

Teodora Nemet, daughter, who witnessed the murder of her mother

when it was quiet and found her father standing next to her mother's lifeless body.

In her statement, Teodora said Nemet looked up at her and said, "This is what you wanted. You did this. I hope you're happy."

She ran back upstairs and locked herself in a bathroom until police arrived.

Nemet then washed his bloody hands in the powder room on the main level and waited in the driveway for police.

Harper, pack it in: Rae

Interim Liberal Leader Bob Rae calls on PM Stephen Harper to resign following stealth-fighter controversy

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Transit union backing contract offer from city

Labour. Members will vote on deal next Tuesday and Wednesday



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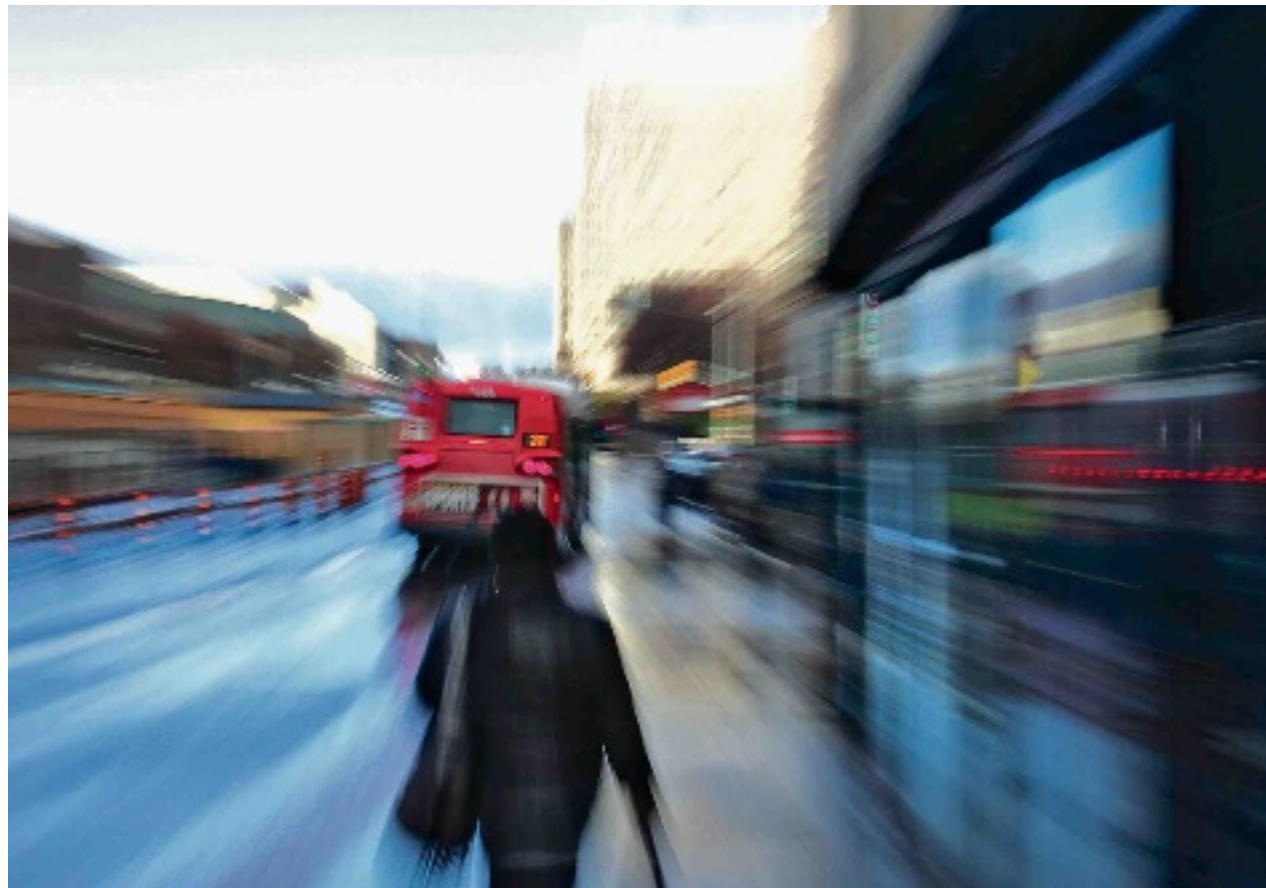
The city's transit-union members meet Thursday at Lansdowne Park to weigh a contract offer that gives them an 8.25 per cent raise spread over four years.

The offer, details of which are posted on the union's website, includes pay raises of two per cent in the first three years and 2.25 per cent in the final year, more union input on driver scheduling, and the reopening of Transpo's Merivale garage.

Union officials are recommending a yes vote.

"At a time when other municipal workers such as those in Toronto are being forced to accept contracts with wage freezes and claw backs, ATU and the city have been able to negotiate an agreement that is fair to everyone," they wrote to members. "Once it's ratified, this agreement will improve wages, working conditions and job security for all of ATU 279's members."

Mayor Jim Watson would



Bus drivers chart a course for the future Thursday as they weigh a contract deal that will give them an 8.25 per cent raise spread over four years.

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not comment on the details until after the vote, but maintained it was fair to

everyone.

"I'm very comfortable (with the deal) and that's

why I'm going to recommend it to council," Watson said. "I've always said that

the deal has to be fair to our workers, fair to our passengers and fair to taxpayers."

Hog's Back shooting suspect remanded into custody



Erikliit Musollari CONTRIBUTED

An Ottawa man charged with second-degree murder in relation to the fatal shooting on Dunes Road last week was held in custody after making a brief court appearance Wednesday.

Erikliit Musollari, 22, turned himself in Tuesday evening after police issued a Canada-wide warrant for his arrest.

Musollari didn't say anything after he was brought into the courtroom, other than a few whispered words to his lawyer Michael Smith.

Last Thursday, 32-year-old Peyman Hatami was shot in the chest outside a Hog's Back Chinese restaurant in broad daylight. It was the city's third homicide of the year.

Musollari is due back in court on April 12.

Smith said his client has no criminal record and he is not aware of any motive for the attack.

"I had an opportunity to have a pretty extensive discussion with him, and you could imagine it's been a pretty trying last 15 hours for him since he turned

himself in last night," said Smith.

He added that Musollari wanted to turn himself in after he saw there was a nationwide warrant for him.

In a news release Tuesday, police described Musollari as "armed and dangerous" and someone not to be approached.

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On the web

Finally, as promised: Flying cars

A Terrafugia Inc. prototype flying car has completed its first flight, bringing the company closer to its goal of selling the airborne vehicles within the year. Watch the car-plane in action at metronews.ca

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A made-in-Canada solution to vulnerable surfing gives peace of mind to public Wi-Fi users. For the full story see metronews.ca

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Sparks fly on Twitter between Ben Mulroney and a former chief of staff to his father after Norman Spector muses about whether Mulroney's Progressive Conservatives and Jean Chr tien's Liberals cut a quiet deal. Scan for the story.



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More than 1,000 defence jobs on chopping block

Civil servants. Almost 20,000 public-service positions will be eliminated in the next three years

The axe is beginning to fall on jobs across the public service, with the Defence Department among the first to report losses.

The Union of National Defence Employees says around 1,100 civilian positions are being eliminated. Reports put the local impact at about 150 jobs.

Union president John MacLennan says that across the country everything from research and development to food services is on the chopping block.

The department took a big hit in last week's federal budget and was told it will need to cut over \$1.1 billion over the next three years. But the government has also committed to keeping the regular and reserve fighting force intact.

"If the government is not going to cut the size of the military or close any bases, who is going to do all the work?" MacLennan asked.

Around 19,200 civil servants

will be removed from their jobs over the next three years as a result of the budget, but unions say the cuts to the public service actually go much deeper.

The Public Service Alliance of Canada says 9,700 positions have already been lost as a result of a budget freeze in 2010 and there are still 6,300 jobs that will be cut as a result of the 2007-2010 spending reviews.

Some workers could be reassigned to different posts, while others will be given the option of leaving early; about 7,000 of the jobs cuts reported in the budget will be due to attrition, the government said.

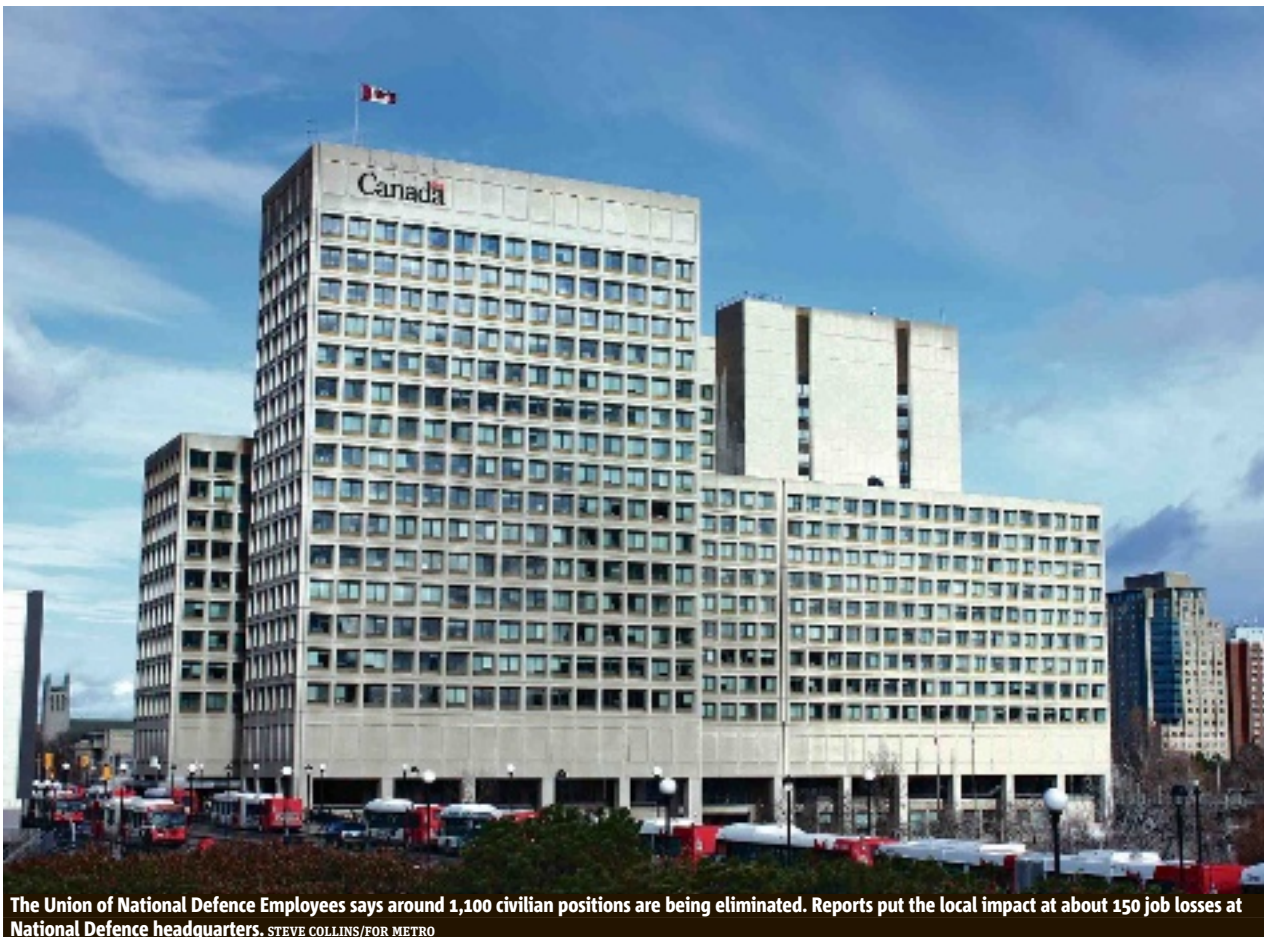
But PSAC says that number is meaningless.

"How does a government know how many people are actually going to retire?" said Patty Ducharme, PSAC's national executive vice-president.

"These are people who are responsible for their families, who contribute to the economy, who deliver important services to Canadians every day."

An analysis by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives says that the 19,200 number reported in the budget is misleading, as it only applies to core public services.

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The Union of National Defence Employees says around 1,100 civilian positions are being eliminated. Reports put the local impact at about 150 job losses at National Defence headquarters. STEVE COLLINS/FOR METRO

CBC to increase ad revenue, cut staff

There will be fewer staff and more ads for CBC as the broadcaster seeks to cut millions in spending following last week's federal budget.

CBC president Hubert Lacroix says the corporation expects to lay off more than

650 people over the next three years as part of an effort to save \$115 million.

But Lacroix says the financial pressure doesn't just come from cuts to the taxpayer-funded portion of the budget and that,

in reality, the CBC faces a \$200-million shortfall.

He says some money will be made up through advertising and the CBC has applied for permission to run ads on CBC Radio 2 and Espace musique.

To cut costs, the broadcaster will seek to get rid of pricey real estate, scale back its international radio arm and cut back on news, music and sports programming.

But Lacroix says the

By the numbers:

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Millions of dollars that president Hubert Lacroix says the CBC is facing in revenue shortfall.

network remains committed to its long-term plan of becoming more Canadian, regional and digital, which he says is vital to CBC's role as the public broadcaster.

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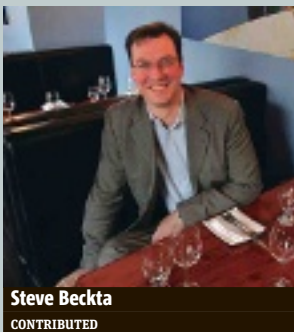
On the lookout

Steve Beckta close to new restaurant location deal

After sending out a tweet promising a \$1,000 gift certificate to anyone who suggested the location for his next restaurant, Steve Beckta, owner of Beckta dining & wine and Play, says he's close

to a deal for his third Ottawa eatery. "We're getting close on something," said Beckta. "I drove past it the other day and talked to the landlords. We're close to a deal, but I can't really talk about it yet."

Asked whether a lucky Ottawan will take home the \$1,000 prize, Beckta said a colleague in the restaurant business recommended the location he's scouting, so he might not need to pay out. **GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO**



Steve Beckta
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U of O

University mulls letting profs ban laptops

The University of Ottawa is holding off on a proposal to give profs the power to ban laptops, smartphones and other electronics from their classrooms because of the distraction they can cause.

Liz Kendall of the University of Ottawa Student Federation, who opposes the measure, said the university senate has decided to delay the measure while it discusses it with students. "Further consultation with students is always what we want to see," she said, "because our learning conditions are the working conditions of our professors."

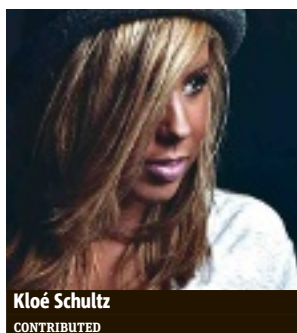
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Fourth-year U of O biomedical science student Ethan Tounishey
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Dancer on other side of competition

Tables turned. So You Think You Can Dance Canada finalist Kloé Schultz takes time from her U of O studies to judge dance competition at the Ottawa Convention Centre



Kloé Schultz
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As a contestant on So You Think You Can Dance Canada, Kloé Schultz performed with a panel of judges dissecting her every step, but tonight she's on the other side of the podium.

She's judging the Canada Dance Competition at Originals — The Spring Craft Sale, along with fellow show alum Geisha Chin and Pamela Fralick of the Canada Dance Festival. The winner gets a spot in the master class at this summer's Festival.

"I've had the opportunity to adjudicate a few dance competitions but nothing this big," Schultz said. "I'm super-excited because I love dance and I can't wait to share that knowledge

with others."

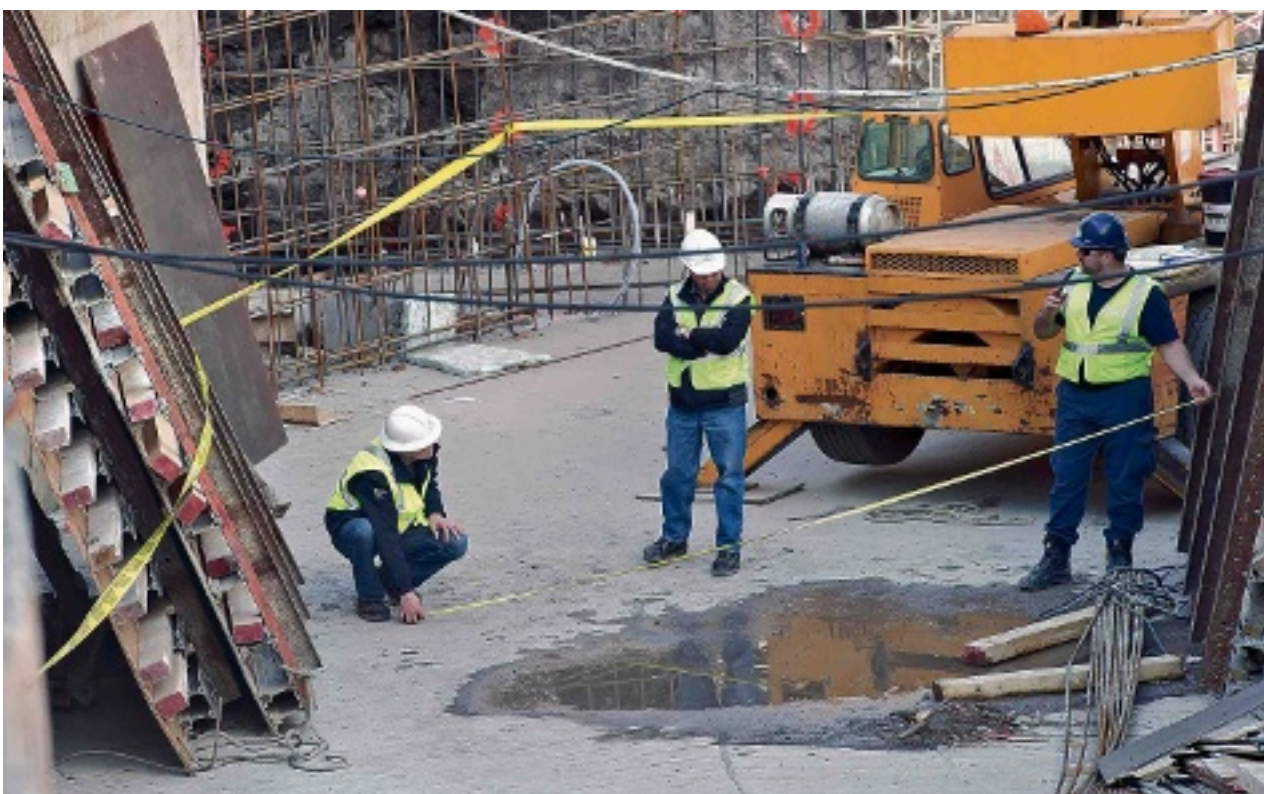
Like many of her fellow So You Think You Can Dance contestants, Schultz wants to go pro, and has even started her own dance company, but her education comes first.

She just finished her last week of classes for her undergrad degree in Health Sciences.

"A lot of us go on to dance professionally and that's of course something that I'm looking to do, but I was a year shy of graduating from my undergrad, so I decided I'm going to go back and complete this because I always finish what I start," she said.



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Ministry of Labour investigators look over the site where a construction worker narrowly avoided being crushed to death by a concrete form.
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Man injured in construction-site accident

Quick action by co-workers may have saved the life of 37-year-old construction worker injured when a 3,000-pound form for pouring cement fell on him at a Vanier job site.

Paramedics received a call at 8:44 a.m. and responded to the condo construction site on Jeanne Mance Street near

Vanier Parkway.

When they got there other workers had already removed the wood-and-steel form, which was about 20 feet tall.

"His co-workers immediately took the structure off of him, which may well have saved his life," said the Ottawa Paramedics' J.P. Trotter. "We were about three minutes away and when we

arrived the structure was completely off him and we had access to him, assessed him and started treating him right away."

The man suffered a fractured skull and arm, hip injuries, a concussion and cuts to his face and arm, paramedics said.

He was conscious and able to speak, but showed signs of

head trauma. He was taken to hospital in serious condition.

Ottawa Fire Services extricated the man from the lower level of the three-storey foundation using a crane from the construction site and a rescue basket.

Paramedics said the Ministry of Labour has been notified.

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Prepare to bust a move at breast health event

Fundraiser. Richard Simmons brings his sequins and high-energy personality to Ottawa this month

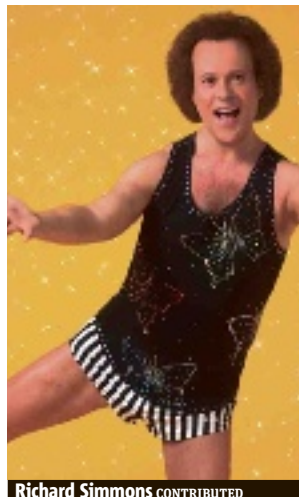


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When participants in this Year's Bust A Move For Breast Health fundraiser gather at the Ottawa Athletic Club for a full day of aerobics, yoga, boxercise and more, they'll have perhaps the world's greatest cheerleader egging them on.

Diet and exercise guru Richard Simmons is this year's special guest at Bust A Move benefits in Edmonton, Ottawa, Montreal, Halifax and St. John's, and characteristically pumped about the event. "It's a win-win situation," he said, "because you're raising money for breast health and then you're also getting a good workout and networking and meeting other people."

Simmons will teach a class at Bust A Move Ottawa, and mingle with the volunteers and participants one on one.



Richard Simmons CONTRIBUTED

He's also going to wear one of his notorious signature outfits for the occasion.

"Every one of these, I make something and wear something different. So it's just sparkly and shiny and happy, 'cause you know I love people and I don't care if they're laughing with me or at me — I got them to laugh."

Simmons says he wants a cure for cancer in his lifetime "and I plan to live to be 100, so it's gotta happen!"

For more information, go to bustamove.ca.

Breast in show

Bust A Move's top individual fundraisers in Ottawa (leader Suzanne Larkin has vowed to get a tattoo if she reaches her goal of \$5,000).

• Suzanne Larkin: \$4,250

• Terri Porkolaby: \$3,950

• Stacey Seller: \$3,676

• Liz Kofsky: \$3,324

• Michele Webster: \$2,275

Geek out at gaming show

The city's geeks will be out in force this May with the announcement of a worthy follow-up to Comicon — Ottawa's first video-game conference.

"When we announced it, a lot of gaming companies in the city that we'd never heard of came out of the woodwork," said John Criswick, CEO of Magmic games, which make titles for toy-maker Mattel and The New York

Times. "In the last couple years there's been much more growth happening in Ottawa's industry."

Developed in partnership with some of the city's biggest names in gaming, such as Magmic, Fuel, bitHeads and Playbrain, Criswick, one of the conference organizers, says the event is a way to give Ottawa's video-game makers a chance to network with industry players from

outside the city.

"There will be talks about where the iPhone is headed and the evolution of different platforms and gaming inside cars and in the airline industry," Criswick said.

Other talks will follow games from their concept stages through to the finished products, with artwork and storyboards showcasing the creative process.

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The show's logo. CONTRIBUTED

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Court. Largest OPP search in history: Police testify

It was possibly the most exhaustive missing-person search in Canadian history, but only a bit of luck and a hunch finally led police to where Victoria Stafford, snatched outside her elementary school one spring afternoon, had been buried, court heard Wednesday.

In abduction cases such as this one, a police officer testified, statistics show only two per cent of victims are found alive.

Nonetheless, officers went to remarkable lengths to find eight-year-old Tori, logging more than 18,000 kilometres in their search for clues and the girl herself.

"Literally, we went 1 1/2 times around the moon," Sgt. John Stirling, co-ordinator for the Ontario Provincial Police's search-and-rescue operations, testified.

Stirling told the trial of Michael Rafferty — who has denied kidnapping, sexually assaulting and killing the Grade 3 student — about a painstaking search on foot, in cruisers and on ATV's and even underwater.

They sifted through hundreds of tonnes of garbage at a landfill over 20 days, needing decontamination at the end of each day.



OPP officers walk down a laneway near Mount Forest, Ont., Monday.
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They flew almost 1,000 kilometres in a helicopter in an effort to identify landmarks described by Rafferty's co-accused, Terri-Lynn McClintic, who later pleaded guilty to kidnapping and first-degree murder.

Still, despite the unprecedented effort, it was only more than three months later police learned that Rafferty's cellphone had pinged off a tower on the evening of Tori's abduction April 8, 2009.

"To this date it's the largest search in the OPP's history and I would say probably our nation," Provincial police Det. Staff Sgt. Jim Smyth said.

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Rae calls for PM's resignation after stealth-fighter fiasco

All-out attack. Interim Liberal leader slams Harper after scathing auditor general report concludes manipulation

Bob Rae is laying the blame for the stealth-fighter controversy squarely on Stephen Harper — and he's demanding the prime minister's resignation.

The interim Liberal leader says Harper "lied" to Canadians during last May's election about having contractual protection against skyrocketing costs for the F-35 jets.

And he says Harper deliberately misled Parliament as well.

Rae's all-out attack on Harper follows a scathing report by auditor general Michael Ferguson, who concluded that the National Defence Department manipulated the process, low-balled cost estimates and kept Parliament in the dark to ensure



Liberal interim leader Bob Rae speaks to supporters and the media in response to the 2012 federal budget in Toronto, Saturday.
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it got the fighter jets it wanted.

Rae says it's simply not credible for Harper, a reputed control freak who micromanages every aspect of his government, to claim he was unaware of the problems.

He notes that the Congressional Budget Office in the U.S. and Canada's parliament-

ary budget officer, Kevin Page, pegged the costs at billions more than the \$9 billion touted by the Harper government.

"He cannot now pretend that he was just the piano player in the brothel who didn't have a clue as to what was really going on upstairs."

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Quebec protest

Tuition hikes nearly cause riot

Montreal police arrested dozens of student protesters this morning after a group of demonstrators stormed the city's upscale Queen Elizabeth Hotel and a downtown shopping mall.

Police say they were called to the hotel after demonstrators started flipping tables and smashing dishes inside the building where John Lennon and Yoko Ono staged their famous bed-in for peace.

Quebec students have been holding regular demonstrations across the province for weeks to voice their opposition to the government's plan to hike tuition fees.

Montreal police dispersed today's crowd at the hotel — but they say some demonstrators headed straight for the nearby Centre Eaton shopping mall. Police say officers pursued the protesters through the mall where display cases were knocked over and items were broken. They say they eventually caught up to some of the demonstrators and made around 60 arrests. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Missing women inquiry head launches internal investigation



Commissioner Wally Oppal is silhouetted as he arrives for the Missing Women Commission of Inquiry public forum in Vancouver, on Wednesday. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The commissioner overseeing the public inquiry into the Robert Pickton case has launched a formal investigation into anonymous allegations of sexual harassment against his staff.

The allegations were contained in a story published Wednesday by the National Post, which reported that several former staff members told the newspaper they faced sexual and derogatory comments by commission staff.

None of the sources are named, and none make allegations against any specific staff member, but they did

not allege Wally Oppal was personally responsible.

Oppal said he first learned about the allegations last Friday, and he's since appointed lawyer Delayne Sartison to investigate the claims.

"As regrettable and as unfortunate as these allegations are, I can tell you that they would be dealt with," Oppal told reporters before hearings began Wednesday morning.

"We've appointed a lawyer who will have a free hand in conducting an independent investigation. She is from outside our inquiry, she's experienced and well known in

her particular field."

Oppal did not take questions or say how long Sartison has to complete her investigation.

Oppal, a former judge and one-time attorney general, said his staff have been under considerable stress, but he's never heard of allegations of harassment.

"The commission of inquiry has been very difficult for everyone involved, it's difficult because of the nature of what we're investigating here — the worst serial killer in Canadian history," he said.

"That necessarily brings with it a lot of stress and a lot

of pressure, and all commissions of inquiry have those types of pressures."

Oppal released a more detailed written statement, in which he said there had been no formal complaints from any current or former staff members, and he said such behaviour wouldn't be tolerated if complaints were made.

The statement said staff have access to a psychologist if they have difficulty coping with the subject matter.

The inquiry has been overshadowed by controversy and complaints since its inception.

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Protest in Greece after retiree kills himself over crisis

Making a statement.

Retired pharmacist, 77, drew a handgun and shot himself in head in crowded public square

A Greek retiree shot himself dead in the busiest public square in Athens during morning rush hour Wednesday, leaving a note police said linked his suicide with the country's acute financial woes.

Hours later, more than 1,500 anti-austerity protesters gathered in the square, responding to social-media calls for peaceful demonstrations accusing Greek politicians of driving people to despair with harsh cutbacks implemented to secure vital international bailouts.

Limited scuffles broke out between the protesters and riot police. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



A woman places a flower as others stand at the site where an elderly man fatally shot himself at Athens' main Syntagma Square on Wednesday.

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Guantanamo Bay

New trial set for accused terrorists

The Pentagon said Wednesday it is ready to resume a trial at Guantanamo Bay for the acknowledged mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks and four other men, more than two years after President Barack Obama halted the case in an ultimately failed effort to prosecute them in a civilian court.

A Department of Defence legal official known as the convening authority has approved trying the five together on capital charges that include terrorism and murder, making them eligible for the death penalty if convicted. They are expected to be arraigned in May before a military judge at the U.S. base in Cuba.

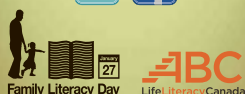
Prosecutors had filed the charges last May. Lawyers had hoped that two of the men would be tried separately on non-capital charges because they are accused of relatively minor roles in the plot.

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Miss Universe. Woman born a male may have started a trend: Trump

A Canadian woman barred from the Miss Universe pageant because she was born a male has been given the thumbs-up to participate in the contest.

And there's a suggestion that her case might allow others like her to take part in future.

Donald Trump, who runs the Miss Universe Organization, has confirmed that Jenna Talackova can compete to represent her country in the pageant and he wished her luck in her quest for the crown.

Talackova, from Vancouver, had said she was devastated when she was originally told she'd be excluded for not being a "natural born woman."

Trump told ABC's Good Morning America Wednesday that Talackova's case may open up the contest to other transgender hopefuls.

"Probably, we'll have to open it up from that standpoint," he said.

Trump added that his pageant had followed the appropriate Canadian and U.S. laws



Jenna Talackova's passport, birth certificate and drivers licence say she's a woman, her lawyer says. REED SAXON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

in deciding the matter.

"The laws are very clear. So, based on that about two days ago, we decided to let her compete and we hope she does well," he said.

Talackova had gender-reassignment surgery when she was 19.

She says she knew as young as four that she was a female.

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Welcome to the island of goddesses

An artist performs during the unveiling of Cirque du Soleil's new show, Amaluna, in Montreal on Wednesday. Amaluna invites the audience to a mysterious island governed by goddesses and guided by the cycles of the moon. And, oh yes, there's a poignant love story involved. The show opens in Montreal on April 19 and travels later to Quebec City, Toronto and Vancouver. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS



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New Orleans police officers, from left, Robert Faulcon Jr., Robert Gisevius Jr. and Kenneth Bowen arrive for booking on Jan. 2, 2007. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Decades in jail for cops

New Orleans. Officers sentenced for falsifying shooting evidence

Five former New Orleans police officers were sentenced Wednesday to prison terms ranging from six to 65 years for their roles in deadly shootings of unarmed residents in the chaotic days after Hurricane Katrina, with the judge lashing out at prosecutors for two hours on their handling of the case.

Police shot six people at a bridge on Sept. 4, 2005, killing two, less than a week after Katrina made landfall. To make the shootings appear justified, officers conspired to plant a gun, fabricate witnesses and falsify reports. The case became the centrepiece of the Justice Department's push to clean up the troubled New Orleans Police Department.

Kenneth Bowen, Robert Gisevius, Anthony Villavaso and Robert Faulcon were convicted of federal firearms charges that carried mandatory minimum prison sen-

tences of at least 35 years. Retired Sgt. Arthur "Archie" Kaufman, who was assigned to investigate the shootings, was convicted of helping orchestrate the coverup.

Faulcon, who was convicted on charges in both fatal shootings, faces the stiffest sentence of 65 years. Bowen and Gisevius each face 40 years, while Villavaso was sentenced to 38. Kaufman received the lightest sentence at six years.

All five officers were convicted of participating in a cover-up.

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Suicide bomber targets Somalia's prime minister

Terrorism. Theatre bombing kills 10 people, wounds dozens more

Two weeks ago, Somalia's National Theater reopened for the first time in 20 years for a concert that drew an audience in festive colours in a city trying to rise above war. A welcoming banner proclaimed: "The country is being rebuilt."

On Wednesday, the theatre was turned into a scene of screams, chaos and blood when a suicide bomber attacked another high-profile event, killing 10 people, wounding dozens and shattering a tentative peace in the capital, Mogadishu.

The blast occurred as Prime Minister Abdiweli Mohamed Ali stood at the podium to deliver a speech.

Near miss

Charge d'affaires Omar Jamal said the bombing was an attempt to assassinate Prime Minister Abdiweli Mohamed Ali.

- The prime minister was sitting among a group of officials, and the suicide bomber was in an adjacent row, trying to figure out which one was her target, when Ali got up and went on stage to speak.

He was unharmed, said government spokesman Abdirahman Omar Osman, but the president of Somalia's Olympic committee and the head of its soccer federation were among the dead.

The government said a female suicide bomber carried out the attack. The Islam-

ist militant group al-Shabab used its official Twitter feed to claim responsibility for the bombing.

The al-Qaida-linked organization said explosives had been planted in the theatre before the event, but an Associated Press journalist at the scene said there was no large blast crater, making a suicide bombing more likely.

"It was a cowardly act and that will not deter the government from performing its national duties," Osman said.

Wednesday's ceremony was part of that rebirth of entertainment, celebrating the first anniversary of the start of a national TV station.

"The blast happened as musicians were singing and spectators were clapping for them," said Salah Jimale, who attended but received only scratches from the bombing. "Huge smoke made the whole scene go dark."

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Hunger strike turns to riot

A riot policeman runs past fires caused by petrol bombs thrown by Bahraini anti-government protesters Wednesday in Sanabis, Bahrain, during clashes that erupted when police dispersed a march in support of an imprisoned human rights activist who has been on a hunger strike for more than 50 days. HASAN JAMALI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Suicide bomber

Ten killed in Afghan bombing

A suicide bomber on a motorcycle killed at least 10 people, including three American soldiers, at a park in a relatively peaceful area of northern Afghanistan on Wednesday.

The Taliban, which claimed responsibility for the attack, are targeting Afghan and NATO security forces as they fight to assert their power and undermine U.S. efforts to try to build up the Afghan military, who will take the lead in combat responsibility over the next couple of years.

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Problematic poetry

Nobel laureate calls Israel threat

German Nobel literature laureate Guenter Grass labelled Israel a threat to "already fragile world peace" in a poem published Wednesday. The poem criticized what he described as Western hypocrisy over Israel's own suspected nuclear program.

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Twisters cut swath of fear

A dozen tornadoes.
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About 500 flights were grounded Wednesday at one of the busiest U.S. airports after as many as a dozen tor-

nadoes tore through northern Texas.

Thousands were left without power and hundreds of homes were pummelled.

The Red Cross estimated that 650 homes were damaged.

Hundreds of flights into and out of Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and Dallas Love Field were cancelled or diverted to other destinations.

In one industrial section of Dallas, rows of empty tractor-trailers, crumpled up like soda cans, littered a parking lot.

In Lancaster, television helicopters panned over exposed homes without roofs and flattened buildings.

Utility officials said nearly 14,000 homes and businesses, mainly in the Arlington area, still had no electricity early Wednesday.

In Arlington, a tornado hurtled toward a nursing home.

Physical therapist Patti Gilroy said she saw the swirling mass barreling down through the back door, after herding patients into the hallway in the order trained: walkers, wheelchairs, then beds.

"It sounded like a bomb hit," Gilroy added.
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A tornado's legacy: Overturned cars litter streets in Lancaster, Texas, on Wednesday. ROBERT RAY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Climate. CO2 spikes ended ice age: Study

Dramatic temperature increases that thawed the last ice age followed spikes in carbon-dioxide levels in the air, a new study finds.

The study, published Wednesday in the journal *Nature*, estimated global temperatures using ice and mud samples from dozens of places around the world and found that globally, temperatures clearly went up only after carbon dioxide jumped.

"This, to me, seems like pretty powerful proof ... of the connection between

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Carbon-dioxide levels have jumped roughly the same amount in the last century as they did over 6,000 years to get out of the ice age, said study lead author Jeremy Shankun.

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20 years later, Miss Besieged Sarajevo looks back on win

Symbol of resistance. Inela Nagic recalls the 1993 beauty pageant that defied the Serb siege of Sarajevo

Cry for help

"This was another outcry to draw attention and have someone do something. We just wanted this war to end."

Inela Nagic

It was not the typical wish of a beauty queen.

Instead of asking for "world peace" as she was crowned Miss Besieged Sarajevo in 1993, 17-year-old Inela Nagic unfolded a banner that read: "Don't let them kill us."

The war-defying pageant reflected the character of the 380,000 people who lived in Sarajevo then, residents trying to continue normal city life despite daily shelling and sniper fire under the almost four-year-long military siege by Bosnian Serbs that started in 1992.

Now she is a mother of two who lives in the Netherlands and often visits her parents in Sarajevo.

This week, for the first time in two decades, she climbed again onto the stage where she once became one of Sarajevo's most electric symbols of resistance.

"Oh my God, how weird," she said, covering her face with her hands and trying to hold back the tears.

Last time she was here, she braved shells and snipers just to get to the contest and then to get home with her crown.

"It was a crazy thing to do during a war. But we tried to live a normal life. It was some kind of a defence mechanism we all had," Nagic said.

What Sarajevo residents really wanted was an end to the death and destruction, the restoration of electricity, water and heating, a halt to the 330 shells smashing into the city each day. More than 11,500 civilians in what is now the Bosnian capital were killed from April 1992 until March 1996, including some 1,600 children.

Defying the siege, residents organized musicals and film screenings in basements, trying to prove to themselves and the rest of the world that they were "indestructible," according to the organizers of the bizarre beauty pageant.

So with a sound system blaring Eve of Destruction, Nagic and 12 other teenagers — some with shrapnel scars on their slender legs — took to the stage to vie for the title of Miss Besieged Sarajevo.

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Top: In this May 29, 1993, file photo, Inela Nagic, 17, reacts after winning the Miss Besieged Sarajevo contest in Sarajevo. Bottom: On March 16, 2012, Nagic visits the venue where she was crowned 20 years ago. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Miss Sarajevo

Nagic's magical smile and the famous banner inspired the Irish rock group U2 to create a song devoted to her and her city — "Miss Sarajevo" — which they often performed with opera star Luciano Pavarotti.

- At a U2 concert in Sarajevo in 1997, two years after the war ended, frontman Bono led Nagic by the hand to the stage as he sang, "Here she comes, heads turn around,

here she comes, to take her crown."

- To this day, the image of an endearing 17-year-old unfolding the historic banner is part of almost every video made about besieged Sarajevo. "Mom made me take part in the contest," Nagic said, adding that she never expected anything from it. "It took me a long time to realize I became a symbol."

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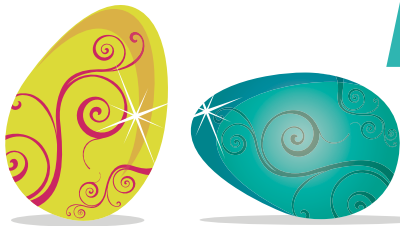
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Fuel frustration. Gas prices spike across the country

Gasoline prices are up sharply in many parts of Canada and, while a hike Wednesday was less than some predicted, the consensus suggests it's just the beginning of increases heading into the summer.

In Toronto, prices were up almost 3.4 cents a litre on Wednesday afternoon to an average of about \$1.38 for regular gasoline, according to GasBuddy.com, a website that compiles data submitted by users across the country.

Prices were also up 2.6 cents per litre in Ottawa, for an aver-

age price of \$1.32 per litre, and up 2.4 cents to nearly \$1.36 in Hamilton, according to GasBuddy.com.

Elsewhere, the price spike was more modest. In Quebec City, GasBuddy said prices were up less than half a cent at \$1.41 per litre and they actually declined in Montreal by six-tenths of a cent to about \$1.47 per litre. Even with prices up four cents per litre to over \$1.18, Edmonton still had the lowest price among major Canadian cities surveyed.

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Automakers. Canadian vehicle sales up in March

Canadian auto sales rose a modest 2.8 per cent in March as consumers bought more new cars than a year earlier, offsetting a slight decline in truck sales.

Automakers sold some 157,750 vehicles for the month, compared to 153,485 in March a year ago, according to data from DesRosiers Auto Consultants.

A 6.5-per cent boost in car sales more than offset a drop in truck sales of 0.3 per cent.

The Detroit Big Three automakers — Chrysler, Ford and GM — lost market share to foreign nameplates, which now make up some 55.7 per cent of the Canadian market place.

Still, Ford Canada was the top-selling automaker last month, wresting the title back from Chrysler, which had been the leading automaker in Canada for the opening two months of the year. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Banking on big bonuses

National Bank CEO and president Louis Vachon attends the company's annual general meeting in Montreal on Wednesday. An activist group is calling on the bank to change the way it pays its top executives, saying the \$8.4 million in salary and bonuses paid to Vachon last year was "exorbitant." GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Google goes after Facebook

Social media.
New Google CEO targeting Facebook's many competitive advantages, such as data mining

Google co-founder Larry Page has a Facebook fixation.

When he replaced his mentor Eric Schmidt as Google's CEO last April, Page insisted that the company had to be more aggressive about countering the threat posed by Facebook's ever-growing popularity.

Page responded with a social networking crusade that is still reshaping Google Inc. as he marks his one-year anniversary as chief executive on Wednesday.

The Facebook obsession

has already led to Google's creation of its own social network, Google Plus, and inspired changes in Google's privacy practices and Internet search results.

Those changes have raised questions about whether the Internet's most powerful company has forsaken its "Don't Be Evil" motto in its zeal to protect its online advertising empire.

Fretting about Facebook may seem like overkill, given Google's dominance of the Internet's lucrative search and advertising market. Last year, Google's sold \$36.5 billion in advertising — 10 times more than Facebook's \$3.2 billion.

But Page realized Facebook has been carving out a competitive advantage that could be leveraged to topple Google.

Since its 2004 inception,

Facebook has been stockpiling valuable information about people's social circles and interests. The volume of insightful data pouring into Facebook has mushroomed along with its service's popularity.

That has provided Facebook with the means to target ads more precisely and deliver content tied to a user's hobbies and tastes.

Google couldn't use most of that data to refine its search engine and other products, which is why it developed its own social network.

Since its debut nine months ago, Google Plus has attracted more than 100 million users. Although it lags Facebook's 845 million, the number is far greater than Facebook's tally at that stage in its history.

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Finance fracas

Carney dismisses bankers' concern

Mark Carney is firing back at Canadian bankers for requesting a pause on global financial reforms aimed at averting a repeat of the 2008 global crisis.

The Bank of Canada governor said in an interview with The Canadian Press that reforms should continue until the structural changes needed to eliminate irresponsible risk-taking are completed.

And he dismissed concerns voiced by Canadians Bankers Association head Terry Campbell who cited "unintended consequences" Tuesday when he said no one knows what impact the comprehensive reforms would have on the system.

Carney, who has fought resistance to reforms from the U.S. banking community, appeared to have no patience with even mild concerns from Canada's banking sector.

"No one pressed pause in the middle of the financial crisis when \$4 trillion were lost and 28 million jobs were lost, 400,000 here in Canada," he said.

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Market Minute

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HE SAYS...
John Mazerolle
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A new Canadian study is out that shows unhealthy eaters, drinkers, smokers and layabouts die sooner, proving for the first time in a major research paper that major

research papers are useless.

My first reaction is to ask what's new here. It seems like scientists got a research grant, slacked off for a few months with Doritos and Xbox, then realized their deadline had arrived and slapped something together about unhealthy living, their orange fingertips staining the keyboard.

But that's not the main reason health studies like this are useless. No, the big reason is that clearly nobody listens to them.

The study says 60 per cent of all people die because of problems stemming from drinking, smoking and other preventable health issues. Other Canadian deaths are caused by:

- 15 per cent: Run over by a bus while playing Angry Birds.
- 15 per cent: Death by overexposure because 5 C weather in March led them to wear a T-shirt and shorts.
- 10 per cent: Rightly beaten to death for shouting, "Who! Party!" on the sidewalk at 4 a.m.

So, any way you look at it, we kind of get what's coming to us.

Widespread unhealthiness is why study after study comes out saying the same thing. Because though research papers may be stupid and repetitive, nothing is more stupid and repetitive than the average person.

My solution? So glad you asked. Let's admit our approach is wrong and reverse course. Completely. Let's embrace Death.

I have a cigarette-smoking friend of mine who suggests, tobacco firmly in cheek, that the government should be happy she smokes since people usually die of lung cancer so quickly.

I say she's on to something. If we're all going to be hedonistic dopes — and we are — then let's embrace our early deaths and save on health care. Given government budget problems, I'm sure politicians would be happy if we went so all-in that we moved straight past health-care spending and directly into boosting the funeral industry.

I like to imagine Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty getting frustrated as he watches those "Make Death Wait" Heart and Stroke commercials where "Death" blathers on about all the nearby people he's going to kill eventually.

"What are you, a Bond villain?" Dalton yells at the screen. "Shut up and finish the job!"

With my pragmatic approach, we can expect new provincial slogans like: "New Brunswick — The Pitcher Province"; "Yukon — Home of both types of Klondike Bar"; and "Ontario — Smoke 'em if you got 'em."

And we can save researchers and health organizations from the pain of being ignored when they could be trying Blazin' Jalapeno Doritos and learning a new move on NHL '12.

Let's not make Death wait, people. He's a busy man.



It's time to turn the tables, or strollers, and embrace our sluggish ways.

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The newly waxed



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Immortalized

Royals get (wax) seal of approval

MARYLEBONE, LONDON. The moment Prince William and Kate Middleton announced their engagement has been immortalized ... in wax. Madame Tussauds has unveiled waxwork figures of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, adorned in replicas of the outfits they wore at the announcement in November 2010. **METRO**

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Sculptor Stephen Mansfield

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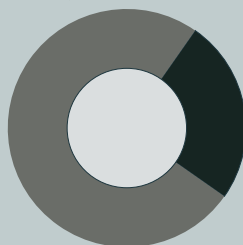
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Richard Crouse got a lot of flack for loving *Wanderlust* — but he's putting it out there again. Go see it if you haven't yet. HANDOUT

See them before they're gone

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN



Long weekend. Ditch the egg hunts and spring cleaning and check out these films you may have missed over the last little while

Richard: Mark, my four-star review of the movie *Wanderlust* got me the most hate mail I've received since my pan of *The Passion of the Christ*. I should note that for every hateful, name-calling email I received, I also got one thanking me for recommending the film, but WOW did the people who hated the movie ever take it out on me. Having said that, I'm going to invite more invective and recommend it again. Go see it before it leaves the theatres forever. It's a funny, if

quite raunchy, movie.

Mark: I don't know why *Wanderlust* was so pilloried by the critics and so ignored by the audience. Fear of the '60s, perhaps. But like you, I loved it. Let me put in a few kind words about *Salmon Fishing In Yemen*. The title might be off-putting but it's a gentle satire and romance with great performances by Ewan Macgregor and Kristin Scott-Thomas. The visuals are crisp as is the dialogue. You could take your granny to this one but it still has a bit of an edge.

RC: You failed to mention the charming Emily Blunt, who to me, was the reason to see *Salmon Fishing*. On the other end of the scale is *Goon*, a Canadian hockey movie that rivals *Slap Shot* for profanity and sheer bravado. It's a mix

Synopsis

- Long weekends are the perfect time to catch up on all those movies you've been meaning to see but haven't. In this special long weekend column, the Reel Guys suggest some of the best movies to check out this weekend before they leave theatres.

of romance and hockey, but let's be real here; the only love story anyone cared about in this movie was the love of the game.

MB: Didn't see it because I'm not a hockey fan and after *Breakaway* and *Score* I wasn't optimistic. I am a Woody Harrelson fan, though, and *Rampart* is still playing in theatres. More of a character study than a

story. Woody plays the ultimate bad cop as we see his world fall to pieces. Dark, rough, and thoroughly enjoyable.

RC: Wow, your picks are way more heavy-duty than mine. I guess we know who the serious Reel Guy is. My last long weekend pick is *Chronicle*. It's sci fi, which I usually don't care much for, and it is one of those "found footage" films, which I really don't usually care for, but the story of three friends who gain superpowers is original, funny and smart.

MB: I really enjoyed *Chronicle*. A wonderful combination of glorious sci-fi set in the world of totally believable and realistic teens. So I'm in total agreement with you on that one. Of course it's no John Carter. But what is?

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Scene in brief

Canada helps create RoboCop statue

Plans are moving forward for a Detroit statue of the fictional crime-fighting cyborg RoboCop. The Detroit News reports Wednesday that a RoboCop model is being scanned at a studio in Canada. When the scanning process is completed, artists will create foam pieces that will be shipped to Detroit's Venus Bronze Works, where the parts of the statue will be cast. Jerry Paffendorf, who is involved in the effort, says the statue "will have a physical, as well as conceptual, origin in Detroit." Location and a completion date are uncertain.

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American Reunion

Directors. Jon Hurwitz, Jason Schlossberg

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American Reunion has everything you'd expect from an American Pie flick: sex, nudity and the awkward conversations with Jim's dad (Levy). This latest instalment of the Pie franchise centres around the all-important thirteenth high school reunion. The gang is back and ready to party like it's 1999. The nostalgic will enjoy American Reunion — the film exploits every remotely amusing joke from the original.

REGAN REID

Drama



W.E.

Director. Madonna

Stars. Andrea Riseborough, James D'Arcy

Madonna's second film as a director is an ambitious but unsatisfying look at two love affairs. Cutting between 1990s New York and the scandalous 1930s love affair between Wallis Simpson (Andrea Riseborough) and King Edward VIII (James D'Arcy), W.E. struggles to make a connection between the dueling story threads. If you look very closely you may be able to find a thread of logic that connects the two stories, but as presented it's a stretch.

RICHARD CROUSE

Drama



Footnote

Director. Joseph Cedar

Stars. Shlomo Bar-Aba, Lior Ashkenazi, Aliza Rosen

Israel's 2012 Foreign Language Oscar entry is an intriguing, nerve jangling and oppressively narrow story that would be funny if it weren't so pathetic. Israeli father and son academics are torn apart by a national prize; the elder doggedly pursued Talmudic theories for 30 years only to have them made redundant when a colleague scooped him. In his obsessive, paranoid misery, he sees his son as his real rival. Things get a lot worse in grandly academic and hilariously lowbrow ways.

ANNE BRODIE

Thriller



The Raid: Redemption

Director. Gareth Evans

Stars. Iko Uwais, Ananda George, Ray Sahetapy

An ingeniously shot and edited low-budget thriller, The Raid: Redemption brings Indonesian genre cinema back to life. This Jakarta-set tale of a SWAT team raid gone wrong may be the international action film of the year. Director Gareth Evans stages gunplay and hand-to-hand-combat with the exuberance and élan of a director who loves his material, and the cast — actors, stuntmen and martial artists — tear into their physically demanding roles with relish.

ADAM NAYMAN

If they had a billion dollars

Tim and Eric's Billion Dollar Movie. The awkwardly comedic duo would spend it on a movie — that lasted only five minutes

Who gave you permission to make this movie, and did co-star Robert Loggia have anything to do with it?

Heidecker: No, he's just an actor. We got permission from our families. They gave us initial permission and said 'We wish you the best' and sent us on our way and God bless them for doing it, too.

So what do you want me to write about your film?

Wareheim: That we care about our families. They're very close to us. We care about loving them, even if they're going through different things, like if they're gay or have a disease, we'll be with them till the end because we're blood. Heidecker: I also think, on that note, that obviously this movie isn't going to be for everybody, but if you come to it with an open heart and an open mind, then there's a chance that it's going to get to you. And what's going to happen is you're going to end up laughing and having a good time.

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Tim Heidecker and Eric Wareheim are the masters of anti-humour.

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Thriller pays homage to the horror genre

Cabin in the Woods.

Director Drew Goddard talks of his love for the masterminds of fright — and things that go bump in the night

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You think you know the story. As the tagline for the new thriller *Cabin in the Woods*, it's a pretty accurate tease. It's also about all that can be said without giving away the film's bizarre plot.

"Here's the most insane version of a horror movie we could possibly come up with so that we could show everyone we love this genre," said filmmaker Drew Goddard of the shocker that hits theatres April 13.

"This is not one of those this-is-so-horrific-it's-going-to-give-you-nightmares horror movies. This is the one where you laugh as much as you scream."

Set up as a typical genre yarn, *Cabin* casts a group of college kids on a weekend getaway to a creepy wilderness cottage. However, once they get there and the zombies rise ... well, it grows even crazier. It's a film that's imbued with Sam Raimi and the spirit of *Evil Dead* — not shocking considering Goddard's idols.

"Certainly the big benchmarks for me were Sam Raimi and John Carpenter as directors — their films are very much in the DNA of *Cabin in the Woods*," said Goddard, who insists the thriller pays homage to all scary movies.

"I love the journey of the horror film. I love seeing where it's been and I love thinking



Cabin in the Woods opens next Friday. HANDOUT

about where it's going."

Goddard can thank the film's co-writer and television guru Joss Whedon (*Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, *Angel*) for his directorial debut. One of Whedon's former writers, Goddard credits the upcoming *The Avengers* filmmaker for a smooth transition to the big screen.

"In the TV world, you're sort of in charge. You're talking to the actors, you're overseeing cuts, you're sort of doing a lot of the things that in the feature world counts as directing," said Goddard. "So I definitely felt I had good practice."

Inside the Cabin

Film is more than just a few scares

Does *Cabin in the Woods* have a deeper meaning? We asked Drew Goddard if there was more to it than just cheap thrills.

"Certainly the questions at the core of *Cabin* are why do we need horror movies," he says.

"Why do we need to

see kids killed on screen that sort of fulfils this primal need in us as a people?"

And Goddard says that in making *Cabin*, he was careful to not get too funny, but balance the scary moments with laughs.

"It was very important that we didn't get into spoof territory because we love the genre and we just wanted to celebrate it," he says.

3D. Theatres head back to the future by cashing in on a new(ish) format

There's a time warp taking place at the multiplex, where past hits have been creeping back onto the big screen in an apparent bid to cash in on audience nostalgia and the 3D craze.

James Cameron's 3D reworking of *Titanic* is just the latest example, but Cameron's hi-tech revisit comes on the heels of George Lucas's 3D revamp of the *Star Wars* franchise, ahead of plans to put Steven Spielberg's *Jurassic Park* in eye-popping 3D.

Of course, the look back is much more than just a trip down memory lane — by most accounts it's all part of Hollywood's attempts to steer audiences towards the promise of 3D, where a movie can be an "event" and ticket prices can command hefty markups, says Jesse Wentz, programming chief at Toronto's preeminent arthouse theatre, TIFF Bell Lightbox. "For movie marketing people, the idea of selling something people are already familiar with is a pretty old axiom," Wentz says of the flood of classic releases. "It's why trailers are the way trailers are and why people reference other movies when talking about a new movie.... That's how you ...

3D Summer

- Pretty much every summer tent pole this year is slated to be a 3D release, most of them shot natively in the format. They include Ridley Scott's alien thriller *Prometheus*, the super-hero actioner *The Avengers* and the sci-fi romp *Men in Black III*.

sell people on a new idea."

But purists maintain that only films shot with specialized 3D camera rigs can produce the right optical effects. Common complaints with subpar conversions include a dimmer resolution as well as headaches and eye soreness for viewers.

Canadian director Brad Peyton, who helmed the kid-friendly 3D spectacles *Journey 2: The Mysterious Island* argues that shooting and editing in 3D helps a filmmaker make the best use of a scene's foreground and background. "At its purest form you want the movie to be designed for 3D, you want it to be (3D) from the inception of the idea," says Peyton.

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Jurassic Park is slated to get the 3D treatment. HANDOUT

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Sound Check

The mystery of the giant hole



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Here is a fundamental question that every vinyl lover has asked: why is the hole of a 7-inch single so big?

For the first 50 years of the turntable's existence, the spindle on which you placed the record, was a standard size: approximately .283 inches.

That was also the size of the hole drilled into all records.

When Columbia Records introduced the 33 1/3 RPM long-playing album in 1948, they kept the hole in the center the same size.

However, Columbia's archival, RCA, was most annoyed at this new format.

Rather than licence Columbia's technology for their releases, RCA introduced their own new record, the 7-inch single that spun at 45 RPM and had a center hole that measured 1.5-inches in diameter. Why would they do something like that? Two reasons.

While the LP promised up to 22 minutes of uninterrupted music per side, RCA's crowd that their 45s could be stacked on the special tall, fat spindle — about six-inches high — that was exclusive to RCA-

manufactured turntables.

Once a side of a 45 finished playing after five or six minutes, the tone arm moved away long enough for the next for the record to drop down onto the platter.

The tone arm then swung back into place and the music would continue.

With the ability to stack up to ten 45s on the RCA spindle, it was theoretically possible for the music to continue for a full hour without human intervention.

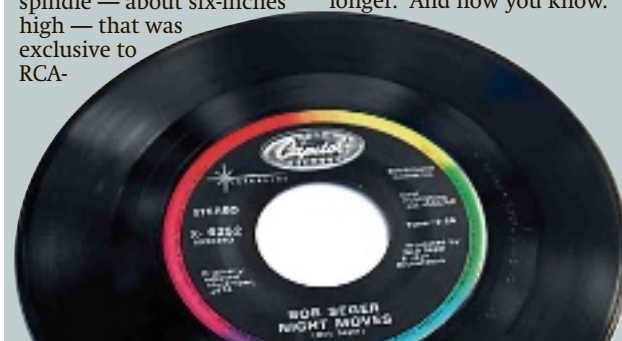
RCA wanted their new format to crush Columbia's LPs, so they began selling turntables that could only play 45s.

The thinking was that once someone bought one of these turntables with the fat spindles, they were theoretically locked into buying music in that format from then on. It was just like the future VHS/Beta and Blu-ray/HD-Video wars. But there was a more scientific reason for the larger hole.

When a new 45 dropped from the spindle onto the turntable, it was required to spin up from a dead stop to 45 RPM very quickly.

This torque tended to cause the small holes to go out-of-round very quickly, causing record to wobble as it spun.

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Of Monsters and Men: You are what you sing

Music scene.

The latest Nordic buzz band is riding a wave since their SXSW breakthrough show

CHRIS LEO PALERMINO
Metro World News

For a country with half the population of Center City, Iceland sure has a diverse music scene.

Of Monsters and Men, the latest export from the Nordic nation, were one of the most talked about bands at last month's SXSW.

The sextet from Reykjavik hit the U.S. airwaves running when they performed their hit single Little Talks on Seattle radio station KEXP during Iceland Airwaves, their premiere music festival.

"We didn't know what radio station it was. They came to my apartment (to record). We definitely didn't think it would turn out so big," says co-singer and guitarist Ragnar Þórhallsson.

Since then, the orchestral indie pop song has nearly a million plays on YouTube.

The name Of Monsters and Men refers to the topics of their songs, which range from, well, monsters to men.

"Jurassic Park was my favourite film as a child. You grow up listening to a lot of Icelandic fantasy stories," says Þórhallsson.

"That plays a part in what we're doing."

The group of friends channel the energy of contemporary folk rock groups such as Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros and Mumford & Sons.



Of Monsters and Men has been making waves since SXSW. HANDOUT

"We want to have fun on stage. The energy and the songs come from being a group — everyone is singing along and having fun," says Þórhallsson.

Their infectious energy has crossed international borders, playing into ecstatic American crowds.

"Americans are very open and welcoming in every city.

They want to meet us and shake our hands. It's different from Iceland, where everyone is closed. ... And we don't let anyone in," Þórhallsson observes.

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Scandal begins in high places

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Titanic's Canadian connections

With the 100th anniversary of the Titanic's sinking just around the corner, CBC-TV is screening a two-hour Doc Zone documentary on Thursday night on Canadian connections to the disaster. Of the more than 2,200 passengers and crew on the ship, about 130 were en route to Canada.

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Rachel Dratch walks into a bar ... and comes out with a book

Tales to tell. From her Debbie Downer days on SNL to her unexpected life as a single mom

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You may know Rachel Dratch as Debbie Downer from her stint on Saturday Night Live or for her cameos on 30 Rock, but the 46-year-old comedian has more stories to tell than the standard ex-SNL-er's behind-the-scenes yarns.

"It all started because I wasn't getting acting jobs, basically," Dratch says dryly when asked about how she began to write her memoir, *Girl Walks Into a Bar*. The actress, having parted with SNL in 2006 after seven years, had first decided to write a book about her dating experiences in New York City. But then something unexpected happened.

"There was this crazy twist that happened in my life and I thought maybe I should start writing about this," she says. Dratch, at 43 years old, after having giving up on the idea of being married with kids someday, unexpectedly got pregnant and decided to make that "midlife miracle," as she calls it, the centrepiece of her book.

While Dratch does explore some sensitive issues, she's not short on the dish when it comes to her own love life and her time on SNL, even if she is loath to admit that her unique perspective on that legendary TV show is a fascinating component of the book.

"To me, so many people have described their experience there," she says. "When I was there, it was pretty supportive ... It's such highs and such lows there. Only people that have been there understand what it's like to get your scene cut at 11 p.m. before you're going on. But then on the flip side, it's the pinnacle of sketch comedy."

On dating

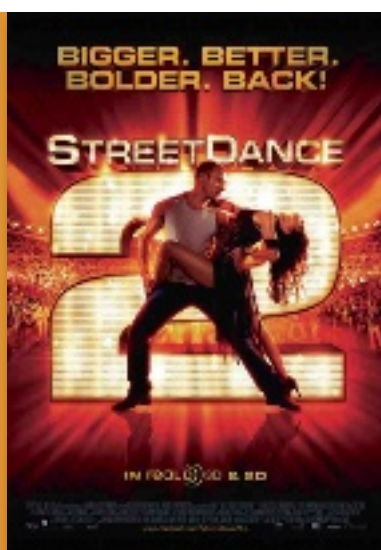
Rachel on dating in the city:

- "In Europe, I'm a total hottie, not that I spend much time in Europe. Whenever I leave New York (or L.A.), I meet a lot of normal guys. There's a lot more normal guys not in these big cities where

everyone moves there to be the best thing. Everyone moves there to be the best in their careers and that includes dating the hottest chick. I don't know, it just seems like there's lots of trading up and looking around in L.A. and New York."



The book has Dratch feeling "a little exposed." GETTY IMAGES



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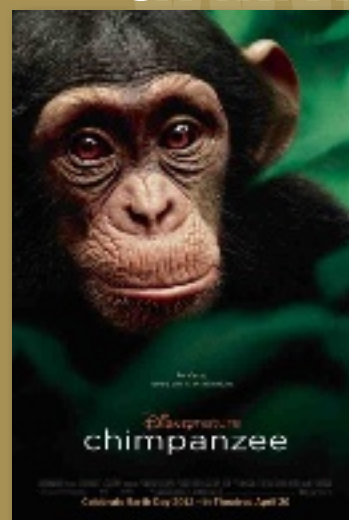
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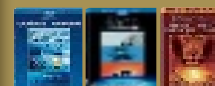
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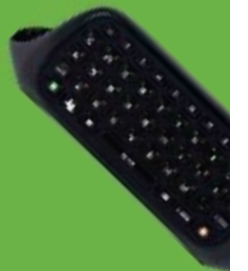
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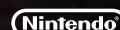
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Why women love Game of Thrones

Fantasy. It's bloody, violent and male-dominated. So why does this show have so many female fans?



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At first glance, the Seven Kingdoms of Westeros (and the Wildlings and Others that live past the northern border) are dominated by a male society. Daughters are wedded off for political advantage, and wives and betrothed who disobey their husbands are slapped across the face.

Despite what appears to be a misogynistic message, HBO's critically acclaimed series Game of Thrones has managed to appeal a large base of female fans. From bloggers analyzing women's hatred toward the more conniving female characters to women-run forums dedicated to what female characters they can't wait to see next,

Control

"(The women) have a lot of control over their actions, more than typical women in fantasy stories."

Diya Chaco
Fan of the series

the fairer sex is as enamored with the world that George R. R. Martin created as their male counterparts.

"I could see how men would be more attracted to it. It's a lot of sex and violence – and there's a lot of boobs," Rosanne Stern said. "(The episodes) were based off the time period they were written about. But, a lot of the girls

who have seen it – after they (got over that) there was a lot of sex and violence – we're drawn in as well."

Stern, a 26-year-old English student, faithfully watches the HBO series with her boyfriend. She had previously read the series before the show came out. Despite the

fact that she believes that it is "one of the most well-written series I've come across in a while," Stern rarely found other female fans that shared her passion for the series before the TV show came out. Now, she's noticing that men and women alike reading the books and catching up with



Maisie Williams plays Arya Stark, one of the show's strongest female characters. CONTRIBUTED



the A Song of Fire and Ice saga.

Part of what Stern feels draws women to the series is the strong female characters like Daenerys, the Dothroni princess from House Targaryen, and Brienne of Tarth, a warrior who will be featured on the second season of the show.

Diya Chaco, another female fan of the series, agrees. "You have these women set in this time where there are knights and yes they are princesses, but none of them act like a princess," she explained.

Chaco was first introduced to the series when her mother bought the first book, A Song of Ice and Fire, in an airport and gave it to her back in 1999. "It was way too early for me to read it," the 25-year-old editorial producer said, laughing.

When Chaco heard HBO was making a show, she immediately re-bought the books that she had lost during Hurricane Katrina and read them over again. She was drawn in by the fantasy series because it didn't conform to typical tropes.

"I know that there are graphic sex scenes in the book, and to see those graphic sex scenes on the screen is a bit shocking, but it's HBO," Chaco explained.

At the end, what draws most women to the show is the series' universal appeal of a nail-biting plot where no person is safe and strong characters, regardless of their gender.

Keeps trying

Why Finkleman likes playing George Findlay:

- "(He has an) ability to slide out of difficult situations he has created because of his own self-interest ... Ralph Kramden was the same thing on The Honeymooners ... we watch him reach for something he never can quite get."

Good God, Finkleman is bringing back George

There's a good reason why Ken Finkleman changed the title of his continuing television series from Good Dog to Good God.

"It's a different show completely," said the creator, writer and star of the new series that premieres April 9th on The Movie Network. Harkening back to his popular '90s hit The Newsroom, Good God

this time posits his perpetual character George Findlay as head of a right-wing TV news network – quite a switch from last year's self-reflective sitcom.

But once again, Finkleman gets to explore his interminable George character through another setting. Whether it's in The Newsroom or Good God, it's an

opportunity that keeps its creator evolving – even if the character doesn't.

"George learns nothing. So what's interesting about him I think is we watch his inability to learn," explained Finkleman – an anti-establishment writer if showbiz ever saw one. "There's no arc, it's a comedy – it's silly."

STEVE GOW/METRO



The setting may change, but Ken Finkleman's George Findlay never does. CONTRIBUTED

Laughter truly is the best medicine, says Slim

Stand up. Comic taps into life's painful moments to make others laugh



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No topic is off limits for Houston-based stand-up comic Slim Bloodworth.

Annoying airplane neighbours, visiting a gay nudist campground, getting busted for pot possession in upstate New York — her comedy is part observational and part exploratory and it's all inspired by Bloodworth's real life.

"My show revolves around curiosity," she says. "As comics, what we can't figure out, we fill in the blanks with a vivid imagination. But it all comes from something that has happened and my show encompasses a lot of Murphy's Law; this is what happened to me and what I thought about it."

Sometimes, Bloodworth knows right away when a life event will make a funny bit.

"There are times where something happens and I'm like 'Oh, that's hilarious. That's got to be told,'" she explains.

Info

- Slim Bloodworth is headlining at Absolute Comedy (412 Preston St.) this week and throughout the weekend. Also on the bill is Ottawa funny-man Josh Williams. For show times and ticket info, visit absolutecomedy.ca

And then there are all those things that happen in life that, at the time, don't seem funny at all.

"Like most artists, the comedy for me comes from a little twinge of pain, but it is that ability to step back from it and really look at it for what it is and laugh at it," she says.

"Sometimes it takes me a minute to look at something as being very funny."

Though a lot of her material may result from some of life's harsher moments, Bloodworth knows being able to laugh about it not only helps her, it seems to help others too.

"Laughter gives a perspective; it takes the edge off. It gives you a moment to breathe and really put things in order in your head," she says.

"Laughter is the best medicine because it puts you in a different frame of mind."

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'Free to go straight to the action' in season two of popular period drama, The Borgias

The son will rise. The Borgias star François Arnaud promises his character Cesare will be anything but passive this season

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For François Arnaud, the trick to acting on *The Borgias* is to keep it "real and relatable." That's no easy task considering Arnaud's playing the 15th century black sheep son of a philandering, murdering Pope.

"But the character still has to ring true to people," says the Montreal-born Arnaud, who plays Cesare Borgia in the Gemini-winning period drama, which returns for season two on April 8th.

We can relate

"The goal is to not be stylized or theatrical but to keep it lively and modern. The way the relationships work is really no different than how they'd play out today."

François Arnaud

"The goal is to not be stylized or theatrical but to keep it lively and modern. The way the relationships work is really no different than how they'd play out today."

In the second season of *The Borgias*, Cesare continues to find himself on the outs with his father — Pope Alexander (Jeremy Irons). Alexander still favours his much more inept son Juan.

But unlike in the past, Arnaud says his character won't just stay angry. He'll "take action" this season.

"I think, in the first season, he (Cesare) didn't do much because he was very much a teenager. Now, he's very different. He's less angry. He takes responsibility for himself and his family," he says.

"The rivalry with my brother also rises to a new level. And Cesare no longer feels he has to follow his father's wishes. But he doesn't want to be pope himself. No. That comes with a lot of baggage," laughs Arnaud.

Beyond his character, Arnaud promises a more action-packed season for Borgias fans.

"First season of any show, especially a period drama, tends to be expositional. You have to explain the world and set things up. But in this new season, we are free to just go straight to the action."

Season two of *The Borgias* premieres Apr. 8 at 10 p.m. (ET) on Bravo!.



François Arnaud as Cesare Borgia HANDOUT

The times are changing

On location: Evolution of Budapest bittersweet

The actor says the experience of shooting just outside Budapest, Hungary, has also proven to be "very exciting."

"Twenty years earlier, they were living in a communist country. So you can really feel a lot of excitement," he says.

"Some of it's good. Some not good. Just since I've been filming there, I see Starbucks springing up."

"There's something sad about that. Like every city in the world is becoming a look-alike."

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Gotye shows us more people he used to know on his new album

Man of the hour.

Belgian-Australian singer talks about his eclectic musical style and what inspires him

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Gotye isn't terribly worried about being upstaged by a viral YouTube cover of his international hit, *Somebody That I Used To Know*.

Even though the video, in which five people pluck out his song on one shared guitar, was at one time more famous than his own.

"On some level it makes me feel like maybe the song doesn't really belong to me anymore," says the singer born Wouter De Backer.

"I've just written this song that has an energy all of its own and it's almost unconnected from me as an artist, producer or singer even, which is kind of cool. I think it's a really interesting energy to be related to."

Whether or not the song still "belongs" to Gotye (it's pronounced gaut-tee-yay, by



Gotye GETTY IMAGES

the way), he has earned heaps of praise for his latest album, *Making Mirrors*, which features a diverse range of sounds — everything from that acousticky folk of *Somebody* to feel-good pop to Motown to hints of dubstep.

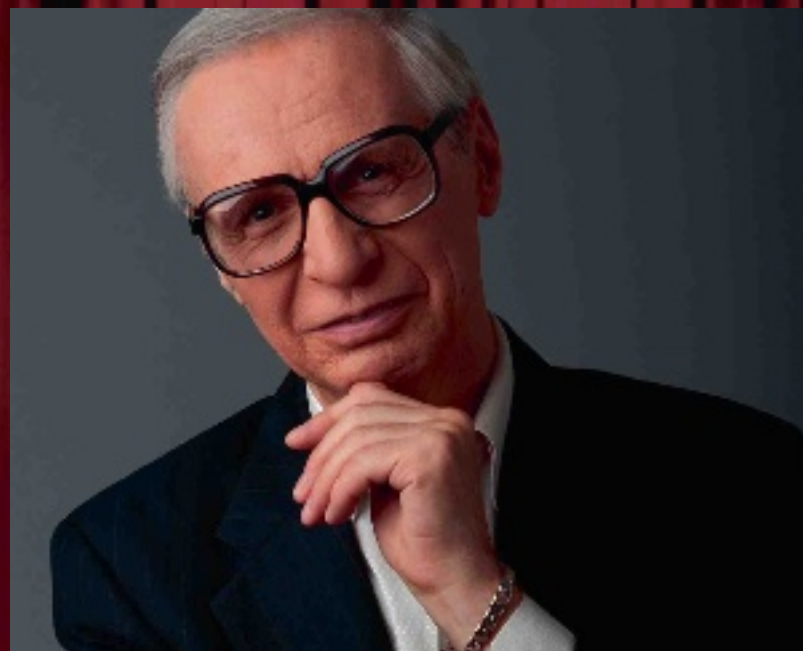
It's all over the place, but the Belgian-Australian singer assures us that there is a method to his schizophrenic madness.

"I really like diverse records and I'm a big fan of bands like Ween who bring a lot of different strands together and just

explode outwards in lots of different directions in one album, but I think there's a thread there that holds it together," De Backer says of the direction the album took.

"I don't know if coming from Australia is part of it, but I think I sometimes just have a whimsical, idiosyncratic range of tastes in music and I try to find a way to make sense of them all and find a way to make them all live together. I may or may not have succeeded with that on some instances on the record."

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Justin Timberlake to be officially off the market?



Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel are reportedly looking to tie the knot as soon as this summer, according to People magazine.

"Justin and Jessica are planning a big (summer) wedding," a source says of the plans. "Jessica initially wanted a smaller, more intimate wedding, but Justin from the beginning wanted a big wedding and that's what they have decided on."

He also apparently

wants to be in fantastic shape for the big day.

"Justin has put on a few pounds recently after working out a lot for a movie role, but now with the summer in sight he's back in the gym and working out harder than ever," the source adds. "He's seen the effort Jessica puts in order to stay fit and looking healthy and he doesn't want to go the other way. She's inspired him to get fit again."



Bruno Mars

Bruno Mars denies report that he is gay

Reports of Bruno Mars' coming out of the closet as gay are apparently phony, his rep insists to Hollyscoop.

"Someone pulled a prank and the world has run with it," the singer's rep says. "The Internet is really powerful."

A viewer-submitted CNN story had reported that Mars

had told a Chicago radio station that he's a homosexual.

"The timing is bad. I hadn't realized it was April Fool's Day, but it's been pointed out to me, and I don't want to go too public with this," Mars supposedly said. His rep insists the whole thing was "completely fabricated."

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SNL stars look to leave show



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Two sources have told Us Weekly that several of the best, more recognizable Saturday Night Live players are ready to move on.

"Kristen Wiig, Andy Samberg and Jason Sudeikis are all leaving after the end of the season," says one insider.

"It will be a huge blow to the show. Without

Andy's video shorts and Kristen saving every skit, they'll need help!"

A rep for both Wiig, 38, and Sudeikis, 36, deny the rumor, telling Us, "No decisions are made until the season is over."

But another pal says the timing is right.

"Kristen was talking about leaving a while ago. With her movie success, it's no surprise."

It's time, but it's too bad — they (and the occasional crazy guest host, a la Lindsay Lohan) made the show worth watching this season. Although now that we think about it, that's a pretty sad highlight reel.

Twitter



@rickygervais

Saying "Atheism is a belief system", is like saying "not going skiing, is a hobby."



@GarryShandling

OK, so I misunderstood what planking was at first. Big deal.



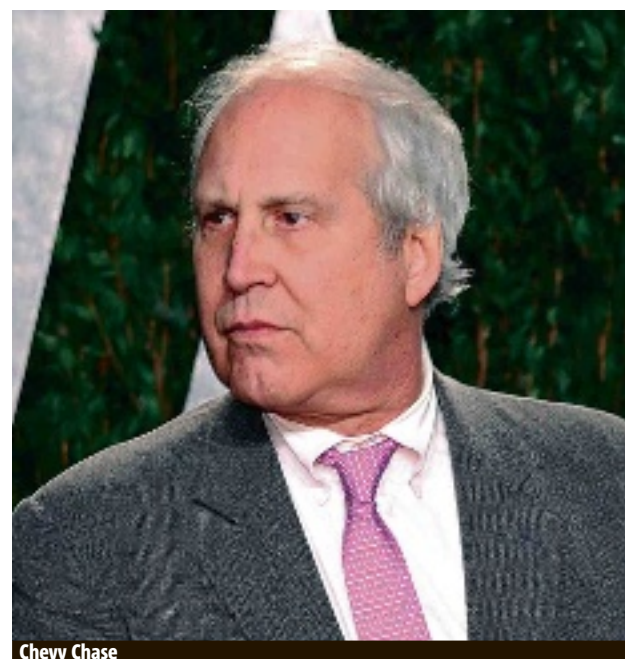
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Ugh, I feel like Burt Reynolds - woke up covered in hair. My giant German Shepherd slept on top of my bed last night. So did my dog.



@SethMacFarlane

"I'M STANDING ON THE FRONT OF A BOAT!" --Titanic (first draft)



Chevy Chase

Chase could be cut out of Community

Chevy Chase's future on the sitcom Community may be in jeopardy after a feud with show creator Dan Harmon, who decided to unload about the dust-up at a recent comedy show he hosts.

As Harmon tells it, Chase stormed off set after a particularly difficult scene, eventually sending Harmon an apology via text message.

"I said f--- you. You breached your contract,"

Harmon says.

"And then what happened a day later? That night ... after what I'm guessing is two bottles of Busch Light?"

Harmon then played a voice mail message purportedly from Chase that included the veteran comic actor saying, "If you were here now, I'd f---ing kick your teeth out" and, "You're not funny. You're OK."

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Jenna opens the J.Crew door: 'We don't want to be exclusive'

Brand expand. The U.S. brand, with the massive cult following and Michelle Obama endorsement, finally pushes its unique take on high and low global

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Metro World News in London

For years, J.Crew was that American company that produced the chic clothes that you coveted but frustratingly couldn't buy. Through Michelle Obama, the rest of the world was introduced to the brand's colourful, up-beat cardigans and pencil skirts, clothes that sit just slightly to the left of classic — meaning, trend-conscious enough without the risk of being out of style six months later. And then there's Jenna Lyons, the president and executive creative director of J.Crew, whose fashion celebrity seems to grow by the day. Her off-beat personal style and knack for seamlessly mixing high and low has become inextricably linked with the brand, not to mention a full-blown fashion blogger obsession.

We talk to Lyons about the company's recent decision to go global (they now ship to 107 countries) after only being available in the U.S. for nearly 30 years.

What makes now the right time to expand internation-



President and executive creative director of J.Crew, Jenna Lyons.

ally?

We were finding that a lot of customers were calling our New York store and asking for things to be shipped overseas. But we had to get our ducks in a row first. We had the U.S. expansion that we were working on and we were in the process of launching a few really big projects that we needed to have all hands on deck for first. We wanted to do it right.

How do you think J.Crew's American sensibility will translate to a global audience?

Some brands have a very specific look. But we expect you to put your own quirk on it. We're not trying to present it as only one way of dressing or looking. I love it when we shoot (for our catalogs) in other places. It's great to see what our (staff) come back

with. For example, someone will come back with this great Guatemalan piece worn with chinos and loafers. And I can't wait to see the same thing happen with our shoppers in Russia. Or to see what someone in China might do.

The brand is much more popular with fashion insiders than it was years ago. For example, Manolo Blahnik

collaborated with you on your a/w '12 show and you're now selling Comme des Garçons Play. What led to the change?

I think Mickey Drexler (chairman and CEO) has allowed us to step out of the box of what we've done before. We've really tried to develop a clear visual over the last four or five years that's a tad bit more fashion. Working with the CFDA has also been a big help, getting more intimately acquainted with the designers and people like Diane von Furstenberg and Anna Wintour. People began to have a different trust level with us. People (in the fashion industry) began to view us as being on the inside rather than the outside.

How are you managing to please both your fans who love high fashion and the ones who love the affordable classics?

It's a challenge to mix aspiration with approachability. It's about striking that balance between high and low; it's a part of our DNA. We don't consider ourselves a luxury brand and we don't consider ourselves a high-street brand. We have a wide range of customers.

We're not positioning ourselves as a luxury brand, we're offering you a cohesive way to shop. We don't want to be exclusive, we want people to feel like they can have a piece of the brand. We want to show that you can make anything cool.

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@Jeanne_Beker: Bracing myself for the wknd. Is there such a thing as eating too much chocolate? And what's your idea of a hip Easter bonnet??

@DaleHodderElad ...
you can't go wrong with one made by Philip Treacy ;)

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I adore Philip Treacy, tho Princess Beatrice might beg to differ! But outrageous is always a fun way to go in the hat dept.

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NEVER such a thing as too much chocolate!

@Jeanne_Beker ...
Right...tell THAT to my bathroom scale!

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@Jeanne_Beker: Reunited with my wonder dog Gus. Just weighed him in at the vet's + he's already 23 lbs. LOVE him!



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Four products to blow you away

Get it straight. With spring weather comes out-of-control hair. Get a grip on some of these must-have straightening products

With so many promise-to-give-you-salon-blow-out-results hair products on the market, we enlisted Hair Kit assistant and super-curly hair girl Jamie Lincoln for a 30-day trial of nearly every product on the market. Here are the ones that made her Top Four

1. Marc Anthony Moisture Gloss Daily Drops

The small baby hairs around my temple are incredibly difficult to straighten

without branding myself in the process. A dime-sized amount of this smoothed hairs post-straightening without making them look greasy. \$10, marcanthony.com

2. Matrix Blow Total Results Slick Blow Down Leave-In Cream

I applied a small dollop of the Leave-In Cream, then read a magazine for about 20 minutes to allow the light treatment to work its magic. Upon blow-drying, my hair was shinier and felt super-soft. \$15, matrixcanada.ca

3. Keratin Complex Intense Rx Ionic Keratin Protein Restructuring Serum

After thoroughly working a few pumps of this serum into my hair and brushing through with

a comb, I waited for about an hour before blow-drying and then straightening. When my girlfriend saw me, she thought I'd just come from the salon. \$41, keratincomplex.com

4. Pureology Supersmooth Shampoo and Conditioner

When it comes to shampoo, I've always thought it was what you do after you shampoo that mattered. Not true. Pureology's Supersmooth Shampoo revolutionized my world. Combined with the conditioner, it added so much shine and volume. \$30, pureology.com

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Sun savvy

"Most guys don't think of investing in after-sun until they start to resemble Darth Maul from The Phantom Menace"

Zambarakji

A hot hair remedy

"Sun exposure doesn't just microwave a guy's skin, it's also capable of changing hair colour, burning scalps and turning a full barnet into a dehydrated halo of frizz," Zambarakji says. "Ojon's treatment nourishes fried follicles in a matter of minutes." **Ojon damage reverse serum, \$18** ojon.com



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ESPA Dual-Action Shave-mud, \$40, espaonline.com



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"An everything-but-the-sink sort of product, this moisturizer counteracts shine, calms sun-induced inflammation, masks wear and tear and even packs in a hefty SPF 35," he says. "It's an essential holiday item, not least because of the amount of luggage space it will save you." **LAB SERIES BB Tinted Moisturizer SPF35, \$39**, labseries.co.uk



Something for the burn

"Most guys don't think of investing in after-sun until they start to resemble Darth Maul from The Phantom Menace. This cellular 're-educator' calms the burning sensation that comes with UV damage and, crucially, reduces the skin's reactivity to the sun so that it becomes more tolerant over time," he says. **Institut Esthederm Intense After-Sun Care Special Sunburn SOS Milk, \$54**, beautybay.com (US), esthederm.com (EU)



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Reach for the matzo meal this Passover for delicious, modern bites

Passover Sliders with Caramelized Onions.

Try these tasty bunless burgers for a twist on traditional ingredients

During Passover, much of the culinary focus is on the Seder, the celebratory meal that commemorates the Jewish liberation and exodus from Egypt.

But the special dietary restrictions that go with the holiday last at least a week, which can challenge even the most creative of cooks to come up with interesting meals.

During the week of Passover, Jews are asked to adhere to dietary restrictions intended to remind them that their ancestors were in such a hurry to get out of Egypt that they didn't even wait for their bread to rise, instead taking matzos, the unleavened flatbreads that are still eaten today.

This is why many Jews avoid foods made with wheat, barley, rye, spelt or oats that have been

Ingredients

- 625 g (1 1/4 lb) lean ground beef
- 5 ml (1 tsp) onion powder
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) matzo meal
- 5 ml (1 tsp) kosher salt
- 3 ml (3/4 tsp) freshly ground black pepper
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) kosher chicken fat, duck fat or extra virgin olive oil

Caramelized Onions:

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 large sweet onion, thinly sliced
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) kosher salt

mixed with water and allowed to stand in the open air for more than 18 minutes — the amount of time it takes for natural leavening to begin.

Which is to say, there's a lot of matzo sold during Passover.

For an easy meal during this holiday, try these Passover sliders. The bunless burgers are

Passover Sliders with Caramelized Onions



This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

dipped in beaten eggs, coated with seasoned matzo meal and fried in olive oil, Passover margarine or, for the absolute best flavour, chicken or duck fat.

1. Caramelized onions: In saucepan heat oil over medium heat and cook onion and salt, stirring 15 minutes or until soft and golden. Remove from heat and set aside.

2. In bowl, mix ground beef and onion powder. Form beef mixture into 8 equal 5-x-2-cm (2-x-3/4-inch) patties. Transfer to a plate and set aside.

3. In shallow bowl, mix matzo meal, salt and pepper. Dip each patty into beaten eggs, turning to coat, then transfer to dish with matzo meal. Turn gently

to coat evenly; return to plate.

4. In skillet, heat fat over medium-high heat and fry patties, turning once, 3 mins. per side or until desired doneness until crusty and golden brown. Serve with onions. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS, PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND TV CELEBRITY CHEF. (EMILYRICHARDSOOKS.CA)**

Passover-Inspired Root Veggie Casserole. Hearty dish adds colour

1. Coat a large casserole dish with cooking spray.

2. In a large skillet heat 15 mL (1 tbsp) of oil over medium-high; add the onions and garlic and sauté for 10 - 15 minutes or until soft and almost browned. Scrape into large bowl.

3. Add the sweet potatoes, carrots, beets, celeriac, applesauce, thyme, savoury,

tarragon, lemon and orange rinds. Season with salt and pepper; toss to coat. Spoon into casserole dish.

4. In small bowl, combine crushed matzos with remaining 45 ml (3 tbsp) of olive oil and coriander. Season with salt and pep-

per. Sprinkle over vegetable mix. Bake in 190 C (375 F) 1 hr or until vegetables are tender when pierced with fork. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/**

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Ingredients

- 60 mL (4 tbsp) olive oil
- 2 each red onions, sliced; cloves garlic, chopped; sweet potatoes, peeled and cubed

- 500 g (1 lb) each carrots, cut into 2.5-cm (1-inch) pieces; beets, peeled and cut into wedges; celeriac, peeled and cubed

- 250 mL (1 cup) unsweetened applesauce
- 7 mL (1 1/2 tsp) finely grated lemon rind

- 10 mL (2 tsp) finely grated orange rind
- 30 mL (2 tbsp) each chopped fresh thyme and savoury

- 15 mL (1 tbsp) fresh tarragon
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 5 matzos, crushed
- 2 mL (1/2 tsp) coriander

Cookbook of the Week

Fresh & Easy Kosher Cooking



From Leah Schapira, the founder of cookkosher.com, a rapidly growing online kosher recipe exchange, comes Fresh & Easy Kosher Cooking.

The book contains more than 170 easy-to-make recipes, full-colour photos, side dish pairing suggestions, tips for food preparation and storage as well as a comprehensive index.

Among the recipes are modern eats such as Crispy Oven-Baked Chicken and Deep-Dish Chocolate Chip Pies as well as traditional favourites like Egg and Liver Tower, Four-Section Challah Rolls and Parve Polish Cholent. **METRO**

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SPECIAL INFORMATION FEATURE

Feel the comfort of a bowl of soup

Stone Soupworks.
Seen around the city, this isn't your typical food-truck fare

SAMANTHA EVERTS
For Metro

Soup's on!
You might have seen the

vibrant green truck on the Canal or at festivals around the city, but what Jaqueline Joliff is serving up from Stone Soupworks is not your typical food-truck fare.

After working within the Slow Food Movement for years, emphasizing preparing regional whole foods traditionally, Joliff developed her skills working at the Red Apron before she began her business in early 2011.

An avid environmentalist, the adorable truck is solar-powered and affordably priced.

Besides, what's not to love about a business named after a favourite childhood book about community building and the importance found in sharing a bowl of comforting soup?

Semi-permanently stationed at the University of Ottawa campus Mondays to

Thursday, the warm aroma is inviting. We set out to enjoy a bowl but wound up bringing home a litre of butternut squash soup for later. Many soups are available frozen. There are two sizes to take away but it's not just soup. On Tuesdays, beef, chicken or bean tacos are available loaded with yummy toppings.

There is no one staple like chicken noodle, although that one would, of course, be

made deliciously with regional meat and homemade stock. Instead, customers can expect one gourmet meaty soup and one vegan soup.

The mushroom with barley was mild and almost risotto-like because of its creamy thick texture, chunks of mushrooms and crunchy croutons like grandma used to make. The vegetarian chili was not bean-heavy, but traditional tomato-rich with corn,

mushrooms and lentils with a perfect balance of picante.

The amazingly fresh lunches are sustainable, with options like organic Tuscan white bean soup with kale, organic black bean with heirloom chorizo sausage, or spicy dhals.

All soups are served with thick artisanal bread from True Loaf bakery. There are even scrumptious vegan cookies from B. Goods Bakery.

Bonnechere. This cheese is smokin' hot



CURD ON THE STREET
Vanessa Simmons
For Metro

One of my earliest and fondest cheese tasting memories is my cheese pick this week, Bonnechere, from local Back Forty Artisan Cheese, hailing from Ottawa Valley's own Lanark Highlands.

I was a young, unripened cheese enthusiast when I discovered Back Forty cheeses years ago, made from raw

Slice of info

- Cheese:** Bonnechere.
- Producer:** Back Forty Artisan Cheese.
- Interesting Fact:** Pressing a cheese expels more whey and gives the paste a firm, dense texture.

sheep's milk and hand-crafted in the kitchen of owner Jim Keith. This special find is named after the rugged Bonnechere River and mysterious cave landmarks of our region.

Bonnechere is one-of-a-kind

artisan cheese. It's semi-firm, double-pressed and unique both inside and out. A beautiful, chestnut patterned toasted rind covers the interior smooth ivory paste. Hand torching gives Bonnechere smoky aro-

mas and a very distinct caramel flavour. As it ages, these characteristics amplify the tangy, sweet, and fruity body of the cheese. Sour milk lingers with a slight amount of acidity.

Produced in small quantities with seasonal milk, it's a hot commodity. If you see this cheese, don't blink, don't hesitate, snap it up immediately. I suggest The Piggy Market or Serious Cheese as a starting point. Make these cheese-mongers your best friend and you will never miss out.



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Keep small spaces neutral and add drama on focal points like a fireplace. BENJAMINMOORE.CA

Be careful with some colours

Painting an entire small space any of the three primary colours (apple red, sunflower yellow or cobalt blue) would be a big mistake.

- **Three primary colours.** These shades are the truest form of colour. But they can affect our visual and mental states if we are exposed to them for too long a time.
- **Sunflower yellow.** The true form of yellow is a irritant to the eye (but it's great for powder rooms and hallways).
- **Cobalt blue.** This colour generally lacks personality (but use it to add a punch of colour inside a closet or to paint around cabinetry in a kitchen).
- **Apple red.** This colour creates blood flow and energy (good only for dining rooms).
- **How to use these colours.** If you like yellow, red or blue, make sure they are a faded-down, murky version to help soften the intensity.

Small space paint primer

Decor ideas. Painting a tiny abode? Here's a few tricks to make it feel larger



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If you are thinking about freshening up your space this spring, there is no better return on your dollar and time than to paint it a new colour.

If you are in a small

space then here are some designer secrets that will make it feel larger than it actually is.

Be consistent

To make the overall space feel as large as possible, paint it one colour.

That colour should be a good neutral that reflects your style in many rooms. Neutrals don't have to be boring; khaki green, blue greys, camel tans and putty creams are all updated neutrals that give personality to a space.

If you really want more than one colour, choose

similar tonal values in the different colours. This will create an even flow of tones throughout the space, making it feel bigger.

Match your trims

If your five-inch baseboards and four-inch crown mouldings are painted the same colour as your walls, you will visually gain nine inches of height in the room.

This little trick will make your space feel taller and loftier.

Interior doors, radiators, mantels and stairs become less interruptive when painted the same colour as

the rest of the space.

Paint trims with a sheen-finished paint for durability and to allow them to stand out.

Keep ceilings white

I have always subscribed to the classic decorator rule that ceilings should be painted a dull white.

Your ceiling is the largest, uninterrupted surface in a room. Keeping it bright helps natural light bounce into the room and makes ceilings appear taller.

A lot of new small places offer exceptionally high ceilings, which often gives

Tip

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the too-tall "cracker-jack box" effect to the room.

In that case paint the ceilings the same as the walls to help bring them down, which inevitably helps visually widen the room.

Paint a punch

In order to add jazz to a small space it's always nice

to highlight a focal point with a splash of paint.

An old mantel painted high-gloss navy blue, a multi-mullioned window painted black, a centrally-located interior door painted citron green are all simple ways to add a punch of colour to your space without chopping it up.

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Stop, collaborate and...renovate?! That's right, pop icon Vanilla Ice and his crew of contractors are renovating a busted-up Palm Beach mansion in DIY Network Canada's The Vanilla Ice Project.

Now you can sing, dance and renovate along with Ice and, while you're at it, use these easy tips to bring a feeling of spring into your bedroom.

Paint an accent wall
The contrast of light and dark colours can quickly open up the

look of a bedroom.

Before getting started, sample a selection of colours at various times of the day to see what works best with your decor. Begin by painting one accent wall a lighter colour — behind your headboard can look stunning.

If you want to take a monochromatic approach, have a paint store lighten the existing wall colour by three-quarters.

A monochromatic colour scheme can give a room a more spacious feel by avoiding too many competing colours and patterns. As an additional brightening tip, high gloss paint will reflect more light.

Update lighting fixtures
Scan the room and determine which corners are most in need of brightening and add a floor

or table lamp.

If your bedroom has a ceiling light fixture, a large, brightly-lit chandelier is a great option to provide light from above. Chandeliers spread light in the most beautiful ways and also add a luxurious feel to your bedroom.

Let in the light

Maximizing natural light is a sure way to brighten up any space. Simple Venetian blinds do a beautiful job brightening windows. Try to stay away from heavy fabrics and dark colours when choosing window coverings.

If using curtains, install a curtain rod that extends beyond the width of the window so that when the curtains are pulled back, they let in as much light as possible.

Mirrors will reflect existing light and can also make rooms seem larger. By strategically placing mirrors across from a light source, your bedroom can seem brighter and more spacious.

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Add some new furniture

Continue the contrast of dark and light through the furniture and accessories in your room.

- **Yin and Yang.** Having a dark bed will make light shades of bedding and pillows stand out.
- **Decor trick.** If you have lighter walls, find darker dressers or chests that can be placed against them.
- **Add some personality.** When considering accessories for the room, lamps and rugs are a great opportunity to bring in light tones.
- **Shine on, you crazy diamond.** Photos or pictures framed under glass will reflect light and brighten interior walls or dark corners.

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It's that time of year: Get scrubbing

Spring cleaning.

Domestic darling Katie Brown gives us useful ways to make the annual clean-out less of a chore

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"The first thing you've got to do is start with a good playlist so you can get your groove on," says lifestyle expert and TV host Katie Brown (katiebrown.com).

See why we love her? Here are more of her spring cleaning tips:

Clean before you clean

"You want to make sure you're starting with a tidy house," says Brown.

Spring cleaning shouldn't be about putting away your clothes or making your bed. I remember growing up we had a cleaning lady that would come over once a month, and my mom made us clean our rooms before. It used to drive me nuts, but I get it now.

When you're doing the "big clean" it takes too much time to tidy up. This is the



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time you get deep into it and get to all the things that are driving you crazy, like getting your windows clean."

Strategize

Go worst room to best, advises Brown. "My kitchen is the hardest. So I start there in the beginning when I'm really pumped up. If I do the kitchen first, then I'm happy because I know I have it out of the way."

Spread the love

"Don't try and do it all in one day," stresses Brown. "Give yourself an hour after work each day. On Monday you're going to clean your kitchen. On Tuesday you're doing the bathroom, and so on. That way it's not too daunting."

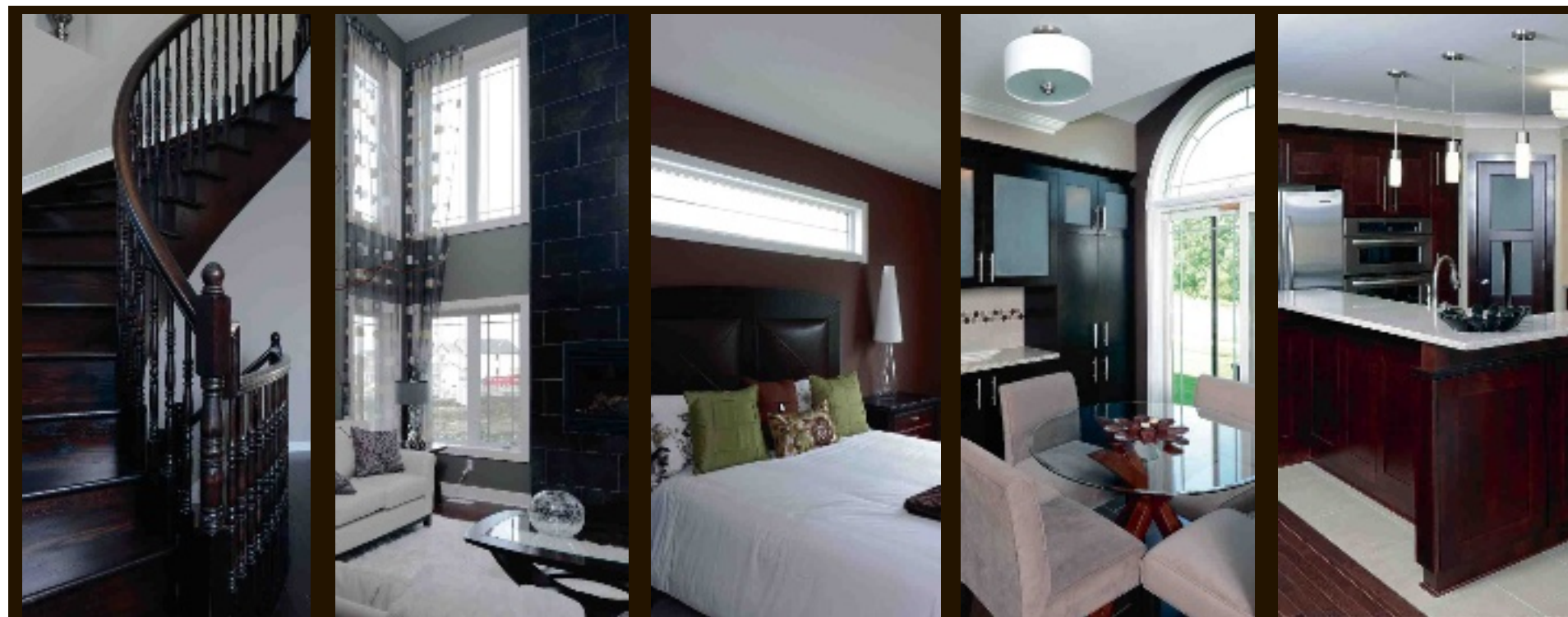
Supplies in check
Have your

cleaning supplies in one carry-all that you can easily take from room to room.

"I like to have a big bucket," says Brown. "And in that big bucket is where all the magic happens. I have everything in there I need from WD-40 to emery boards to tape for my vacuum cleaner to magic erasers. It's all there ready to go."

Sweat the small stuff

"I always have a screwdriver with me so that once a year I can get those knobs that are falling off as I'm going through. The niggling things are the most satisfying to do."



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A mini backyard on your balcony

Condo trends. Metro talks to two gardening experts about what and when to garden vertically this spring

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You don't need a backyard to

have a garden

Take advantage of your cubic footage, not just your square footage, and add colour and zest to your outdoor condo space. You can learn how to transform balconies, railings and wall spaces into green space with innovative new products like space-saving stacked planters and stylish containers.

Teacher, designer and consultant, Denis Flanagan

combines 30 years of experience with a unique style that has made him a popular speaker at events across the country. The host of HGTV's Indoor Gardener and One Garden Two Looks, Flanagan says that vertical gardening is very trendy right now.

"Most people have limited space on condo balconies or terraces and using things like trellises, like obelisks, like hanging plants,

will optimize the amount of space that you've got," he advises.

Where can you get all this stuff? "Just local garden centres," says Flanagan. "Local hardware stores and I guess in today's age, the first place to start is on the Internet, at least to get some ideas of the looks, the fashions, the colours of things that you would want."

You may be wondering if

it's too early to put plants out now, but Flanagan says you can certainly start setting your containers out.

"I would really encourage people to get ahead of things and get the containers, get the supports, get the soil and if it's a perennial style of vine like a clematis or climbing rose, that you can start doing about mid-April."

"If we're talking annual vines like sweet peas and bougainvillea, jasmine, those types of things; that's more toward the mid to the end of May depending on where you live and depending how sheltered your balcony is."

We asked Elaine Martin just what is vertical gardening? "Any plants that grow tall, maybe up a trellis, or up an obelisk or a standard. Anything that gives you height or a visual perspec-

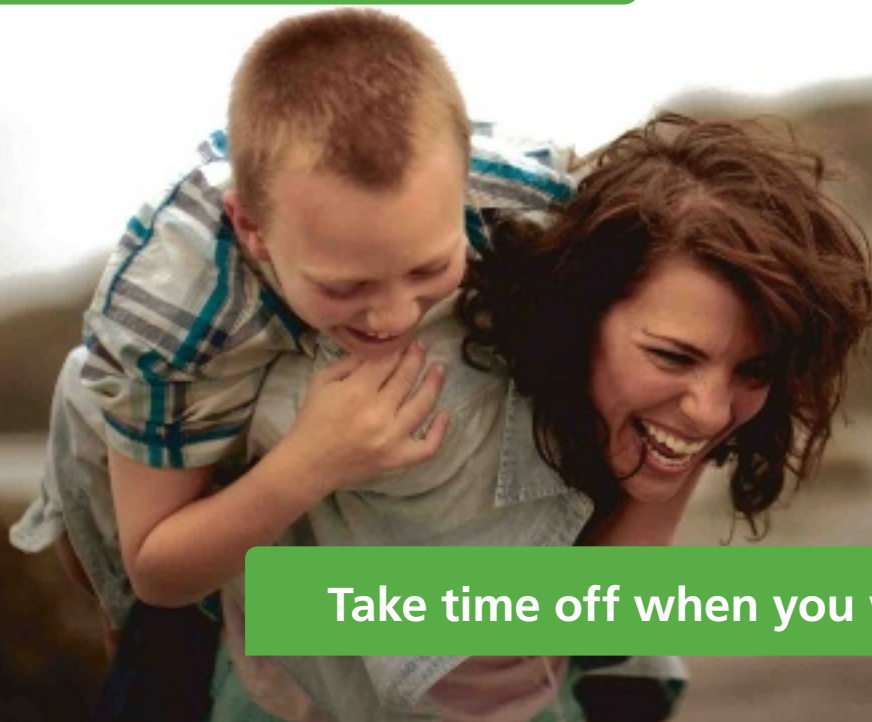
tive that's going in a vertical direction, is called vertical gardening," explains Martin who is the proprietor of three From the Potting Shed gardening stores across Ontario.

Most importantly, says Martin, "You need to think about what direction you face, because you're going to have to put different plants. North, you're going to do shade gardening and east, you have the morning light. South and west are a real issue because it's full of blaring sun all day and you don't have any dappled light unless you create it — you create your own microclimate."

And the higher you get, you also have issues with the wind and you also have issues with dryness because the rain doesn't get to your little plants; you're the rain. You've got to water them."

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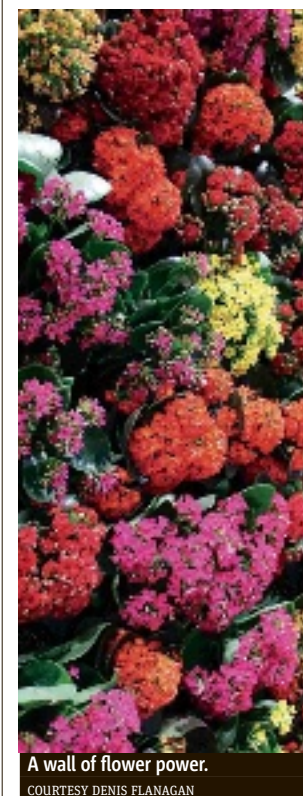
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Martin's spring gardening tips

- **Location.** Against the balcony rail is better for plants than against the building wall, for the wind, for dryness and for the sun.
- **Play it safe.** Use your head when attaching things to your balcony. And keep stuff tied down from the wind. Also, check with your condo bylaws first, because not all buildings will let you do the same thing with hanging plants.
- **Bigger is better.** The smaller the pot, the more it's going to dry out because of the sun and the wind. Bigger pots equal better success, and if you put a spring plant in a bigger pot, it's more likely to survive the cold.



Feel like climbing the walls of your tiny condo? Let your plants do that instead.
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The keys to Senators' success



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When it was announced last Sunday Daniel Alfredsson and Jason Spezza would miss a possible playoff clinching game, many thought that it was a cruel April Fools' joke.

Turns out the Sens and their fans had the last laugh. No Alfie, no Spezza turned out to be no problem. Kyle Turris stepped up with a four-point afternoon, lifting his club to a 5-1 victory over the Islanders and a playoff berth.

So with their ticket punched for the 13th occasion in 15 seasons, what are the keys for the Senators to have post-season success?

Keep the chip on the shoulder: Most pundits and publications, including this one, expected the Senators to finish in or near the Eastern Conference cellar. The players used this as bulletin-board fodder all season and would love nothing more than to prove their critics wrong.

Continued brilliance from Craig Anderson: All teams need good goaltending to win in the playoffs and no team relies more on its starter than Ottawa. The Sens need the streaky Illinois native to get, and stay, hot.

Confidence: Eight current Senators have yet to make an NHL playoff appearance.

However, six were members of last season's AHL Calder Cup championship squad. Will they be able to channel that minor-league success to help them avoid the jitters?

Adjustments: How will Norris candidate Erik Karlsson and second-line centre Turris react to playoff pressures? Karlsson will be targeted like he never has been before. The shifty defenceman may have to find new ways to avoid opposing forwards who will be finishing their checks on him at every opportunity.

With frontman Spezza facing the opponents' No. 1 checking line every night, it will be Turris' time to shine. Turris has raised the bar of late, netting eight points in five games.

Good health: We've heard the cliché many times: The playoffs are a war of attrition. Fortunately for the Sens, they enter the big show with no major injuries. They'll need continued good medical luck to keep rolling this spring.

Coaching: Don't underestimate MacLean's influence — he's a proven winner. He owns a championship ring and has reached the Stanley Cup final in three of his eight seasons at the NHL-level.

The Sens opponent in Round 1 may not be known for several more days, but whomever they face should brace for a determined foe. We don't expect this group to go quietly.



Kyle Turris will get his chance to shine in the playoffs as opponents key on frontman Jason Spezza ROB CARR/GETTY IMAGES

Curling

Canada in playoffs at the world championship

Canadian skip Glenn Howard booked his ticket to the Page 1-versus-2 playoff Wednesday at the world curling championship with two wins yesterday.

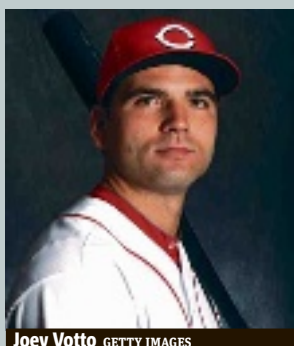
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Votto signs long-term deal

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NHL

Schneider gets nod for start

The Vancouver Canucks will have Cory Schneider in goal for their final road game of the regular season after Roberto Luongo was pulled during Vancouver's 5-4 victory over the Anaheim Ducks Tuesday.

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UFC president Dana White on Canadian lightweight Sam Stout's June 22 fight against Spencer Fisher in Atlantic City, N.J.

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Senators preview

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The Senators (41-29-10) host Boston (47-29-4), their likely first-round playoff opponent. The Bruins have won seven of their last 10, but lost 5-3 to Pittsburgh on Tuesday. Milan Lucic had a goal and an assist in the loss, reaching 60 points for the second straight season. Marty Turco allowed five goals on 27 shots. Turco has started three of Boston's last six games, allowing Tim Thomas to rest for the playoffs. Nathan Horton (concussion) skated for 40 minutes yesterday, but his status is still uncertain.

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On the web



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d-Los Angeles	80	40	27	5	8	187	170	93	22-14-0-4	18-13-4-0	8-2-0-0	W1	
x-Nashville	80	46	26	3	5	229	209	100	25-10-2-3	21-16-1-2	5-5-0-0	W1	
x-Detroit	79	47	27	3	2	242	196	99	31-6-1-1	16-21-2-1	3-5-2-0	W1	
x-Chicago	80	44	26	4	6	244	234	98	27-8-1-5	17-18-3-1	7-1-0-2	L1	
Phoenix	80	40	27	3	10	208	202	93	22-13-2-4	18-14-1-6	6-2-0-2	W3	
San Jose	80	41	29	5	5	219	203	92	25-12-2-1	16-17-3-4	6-4-0-0	W2	
Dallas	80	42	33	1	4	209	217	89	22-15-0-3	20-18-1-1	3-7-0-0	L3	
Colorado	80	41	33	4	2	205	209	88	22-15-1-1	19-18-3-1	5-3-1-1	W1	
Calgary	80	35	29	7	9	194	222	86	21-12-1-5	14-17-6-4	2-3-3-2	L3	
Minnesota	80	34	35	2	9	174	221	79	19-16-1-3	15-19-1-6	5-4-0-1	L1	
Anaheim	80	33	35	5	7	199	224	78	21-18-2-0	12-17-3-7	4-5-0-1	L3	
Edmonton	80	32	39	3	6	210	233	73	18-17-2-3	14-22-1-3	5-3-1-1	L1	
Columbus	80	27	46	2	5	190	257	61	16-21-1-2	11-25-1-3	5-5-0-0	L1	

x — clinched playoff berth; y — clinched division; z — clinched conference; d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results

Tampa Bay at Montreal

Tuesday's results

Buffalo 6 Toronto 5 (OT)

Carolina 2 Ottawa 1

Vancouver 5 Anaheim 4 (SO)

Winnipeg 5 Florida 4 (OT)

Nashville 2 Minnesota 1 (SO)

New Jersey 3 N.Y. Islanders 1

N.Y. Rangers 5 Philadelphia 3

Phoenix 2 Columbus 0

Pittsburgh 5 Boston 3

San Jose 5 Dallas 2

Tonight's games

All Times Eastern

Tampa Bay at Toronto, 7 p.m.

Winnipeg at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.

Buffalo at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.

Florida at Washington, 7 p.m.

Montreal at Carolina, 7 p.m.

Boston at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.

New Jersey at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

Dallas at Nashville, 8 p.m.

Chicago at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Columbus at Colorado, 9 p.m.

Vancouver at Calgary, 9 p.m.

Anaheim at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.

San Jose at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Tomorrow's games

Phoenix at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday's games

Chicago at Detroit, 1 p.m.

Ottawa at New Jersey, 3 p.m.

Buffalo at Boston, 4 p.m.

Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 4 p.m.

Anaheim at Calgary, 4 p.m.

Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 6:30 p.m.

Toronto at Montreal, 7 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.

N.Y. Islanders at Columbus, 7 p.m.

Carolina at Florida, 7:30 p.m.

Phoenix at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

St. Louis at Dallas, 8 p.m.

Nashville at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.

Edmonton at Colorado, 9 p.m.

Edmonton at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Los Angeles at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

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China (Liu)	W	L	O										
Norway (Ulsrud)	6	3	0										
Scotland (Brewster)	6	3											
Denmark (Stjerne)	5	4											
New Zealand (de Boer)	5	4											
Sweden (Edin)	5	4											
France (Dufour)	3	6											
U.S. (McCormick)	3	6											
Czech Rep. (J.Snitil)	2	7											
Germany (Jahr)	2	7											
Switzerland (Mueller)	2	7											
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Yesterday's results													
DRAW 12													
Norway 7 China 5													
New Zealand 9 Switzerland 6													
Denmark 9 Czech Republic 8													
Scotland 7 Sweden 4													
DRAW 13													
Canada 10 Sweden 6													
Czech Republic 11 France 9													
Switzerland 7 U.S. 5													
China 7 Germany 6 (extra end)													
DRAW 14													
Canada 7 Scotland 5													
U.S. 10 New Zealand 4													
Norway 7 Germany 6													
Denmark 8 France 3													
Today's games													
All Times Eastern													
DRAW 15, 3 A.M.													
Scotland vs. Czech Republic; Denmark vs.													
Sweden; New Zealand vs. China; Norway vs.													
Switzerland.													
DRAW 16, 8 A.M.													
Germany vs. Denmark; U.S. vs. Scotland;													
France vs. Norway; Canada vs. New Zealand.													
DRAW 17, 1 P.M.													
Switzerland vs. France; China vs. Canada;													
Sweden vs. Germany; Czech Republic vs. U.S.													
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Switzerland.									
Colorado	4	3	1	0	7	5	9		
Vancouver	4	2	0	2	3	0	8		
Seattle	3	2	1	0	5	2	6		
Portland	4	1	2	1	6	6	4		
Dallas	4	1	2	1	5	8	4		
Los Angeles	3	1	2	0	5	7	3		
Chivas USA	4	1	3	0	1	3	3		
Note: Three points for a win, one for a tie.									
Last night's result									
Montreal at Real Salt Lake									
Tonight's game									
All Times Eastern									
New England at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.									
Saturday's games									
Toronto at Montreal, 12 p.m.									
New York at Columbus, 3 p.m.									
Los Angeles at Kansas City, 4 p.m.									
Vancouver at San Jose, 7 p.m.									
Seattle at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.									
Colorado at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m.									
Chivas USA at Portland, 10:30 p.m.									

McIlroy shows no lead is safe at Masters

PGA. Nearly 40 per cent of the Masters have been won by eight players

The seven shots Rory McIlroy took on the 10th hole last year at the Masters remain a blur. So was the rest of his final round at Augusta National, where the 22-year-old from Northern Ireland made the wrong kind of history. He started with a four-shot lead. He finished 10 shots behind after an 80, the highest closing

round by a 54-hole leader in 56 years. If nothing else, it was a reminder how tenuous a lead can be in the final round. Especially at the Masters. "It's a course that makes you really nervous," Australian golfer Geoff Ogilvy said. There is an art to playing Augusta, For those seeking their first green jacket, let alone their first major, finishing it off can be a challenge. Greg Norman lost a record six-shot lead in 1996. Ed Sneed had a five-shot lead in 1979, and was still three shots clear with three holes remaining

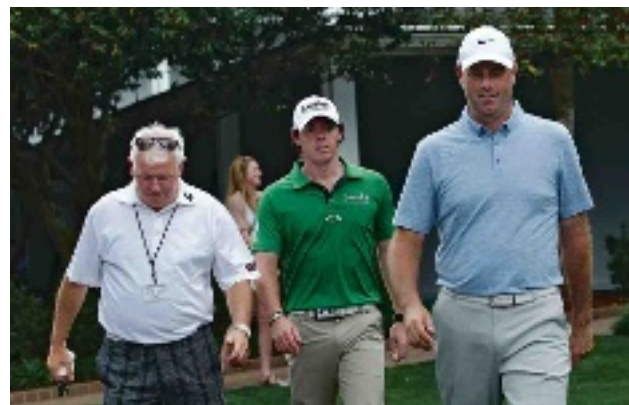
Tough task

"If you were to carry a decent lead into Sunday, you'd need a steel-trap mind to survive."

Three-time Masters winner Nick Faldo on the difficulties of protecting a lead in the final round

when he made three straight bogeys and lost in a playoff. Ken Venturi was on the verge of becoming the only amateur to win the Masters in 1956 when he blew a four-shot lead. Like McIlroy, he shot an 80.

McIlroy's blown lead is enough of a memory going into the Masters. Adding to the emphasis is a bad habit of 54-hole leaders failing to win this year on the PGA Tour. In 14 stroke-play events on the PGA Tour, only five players have gone on to win with at least a share of the third-round lead. With that kind of history, protecting a lead is not easy. "Not even close to easy, as we've seen," Nick Faldo said. He should know. Faldo is the only player with multiple Masters wins who has never had the lead going into the last day. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Gerry McIlroy, centre, Rory McIlroy and Stewart Cink walk in front of the clubhouse during the Par 3 Contest prior to the start of the 2012 Masters at Augusta National Golf Club on Wednesday. ANDREW REDINGTON/GETTY IMAGES

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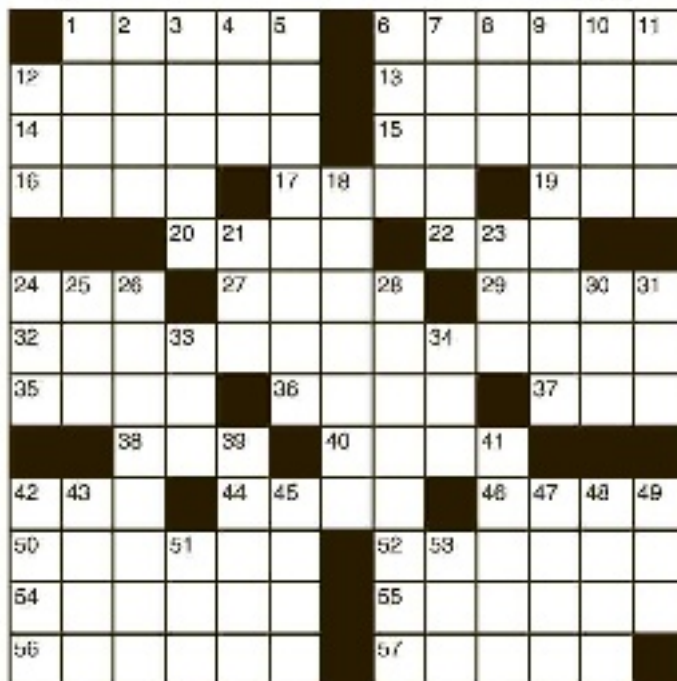
Crossword

Across

- 1 Sumatran ape
- 6 Van Gogh painting
- 12 Open declaration
- 13 El — (place of wealth)
- 14 Fidel's capital
- 15 Gave temporarily
- 16 Brewery creations
- 17 "— of Our Lives"
- 19 Modern-day evidence
- 20 Greet
- 22 Mai —
- 24 Witness
- 27 Cabin makeup
- 29 Night light
- 32 Half a bicycle-shop duo
- 35 "The best- — schemes ..."
- 36 Busy as —
- 37 La-la lead-in
- 38 Comic Costello
- 40 Take ten
- 42 Not dis?
- 44 In apple-pie order
- 46 Parks or Bonheur
- 50 Ailing
- 52 Hurt
- 54 Ear affliction
- 55 Votes into office
- 56 Washington group
- 57 Staff

Down

- 1 Squashed circle
- 2 Wander
- 3 Inundated
- 4 A Bobbsey twin
- 5 Iris' cousin
- 6 One way to stand by
- 7 Perch
- 8 401(k) alternative
- 9 Chargers' home
- 10 Paradise
- 11 Pop
- 12 "Eureka!"
- 18 Math course
- 21 Everything
- 23 Blackbird
- 24 Scale member
- 25 Mound stat
- 26 Plot-contrived villain
- 28 Fragrant flower
- 30 Kin of 12-Down
- 31 To the — degree
- 33 Bachelor's last words
- 34 — judicata
- 39 Dark
- 41 Took a whack at
- 42 Pairs
- 43 Initial stake
- 45 Otherwise
- 47 Previously
- 48 Soundstages
- 49 Billboards
- 51 Greek vowel
- 53 Will Smith biopic



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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku



Yesterday's Crossword



Cryptoquip

How to play

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OUTZ XUFJWS FUS NGQQZP
CWUT SVZ VEFV-BIGOO
BUJQSWX BIJN CUW QUS
NZEQF BJISJWZP ZQUJFY.
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU FAITHFULLY
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Friday

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Horoscope

♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20.

There can be no half measures for you today. You know what you want and you know how to get it.

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

Identify your priorities and resist the urge to start something new, even if it makes you extra money.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

Flex your muscles and remind those you live and work with that you are not the sort who is easily beaten. They'll back off.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22.

You'll discover something interesting about a friend today that they might prefer you and the world did not know. Be tactful. Try not to embarrass them.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.

People like to think that they know best, but best for one individual is not necessarily best for another. Keep that in mind today.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

You can change something about your life that you no longer enjoy. Channel the time you save into more productive activities.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

Follow your instincts and take a few chances today. You will get many more cheers than boos.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

You may be tempted to let someone get away with comments about you that are clearly untrue, maybe even defamatory. Don't.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.

If there is something you want, you will find a way to get it, even if it means treading on a few toes and bruising a few egos.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20.

Family members are in the driving seat at the moment so you might as well sit back and enjoy the ride.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18.

Everyone will do as you tell them today. There will be no shortage of people who want you to act for their benefit. Ignore them.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

You'll get the chance to show what you are made of today and to show that you have what it takes. **SALLY BROMPTON**



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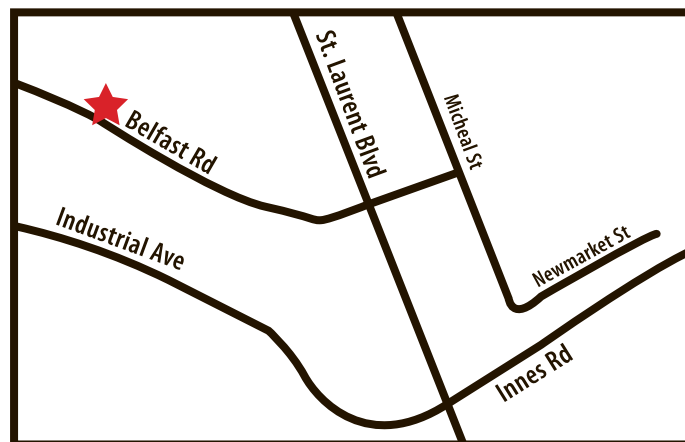
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